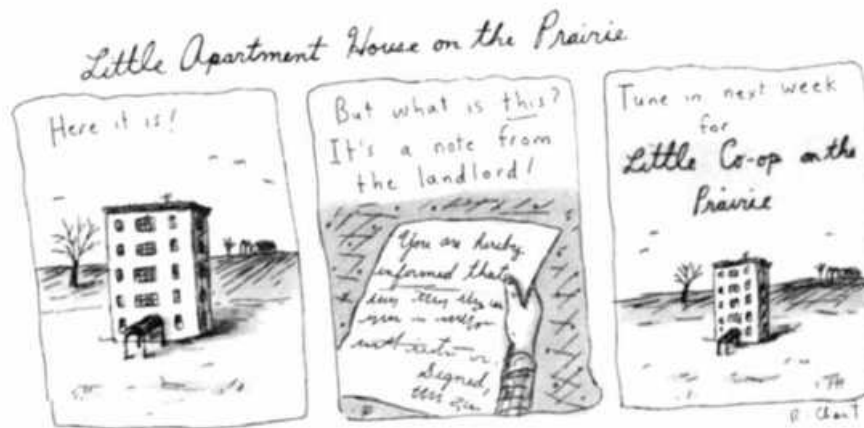




*"I eat Wheaties for breakfast because Wheaties
is the breakfast of champions."*



"And please protect me from the appearance of wrongdoing."





*“Am I the only one in the whole world who still makes
New Year’s resolutions?”*



"They were some hot couple in the old days."



*"If I'm not being too personal, how much do
you pay for a cord of wood?"*



“Will Leonard rise from his sickbed? If not, what will Ernestine do with four children to support and no insurance? Listen tomorrow . . .”









“Don’t kid yourself. It gets cold in Miami, too.”



“Believe me, I’d like to know what he’s keeping tabs on, too, but there are some things you just can’t ask a man like Herman.”



“Today, for a change, I thought we could discuss existence in general.”



"The food is nothing special, but you do get quick service."



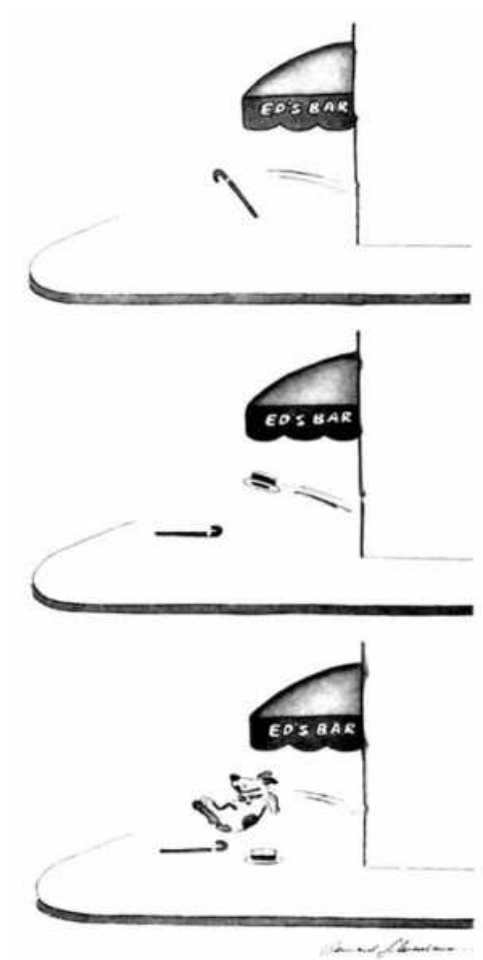
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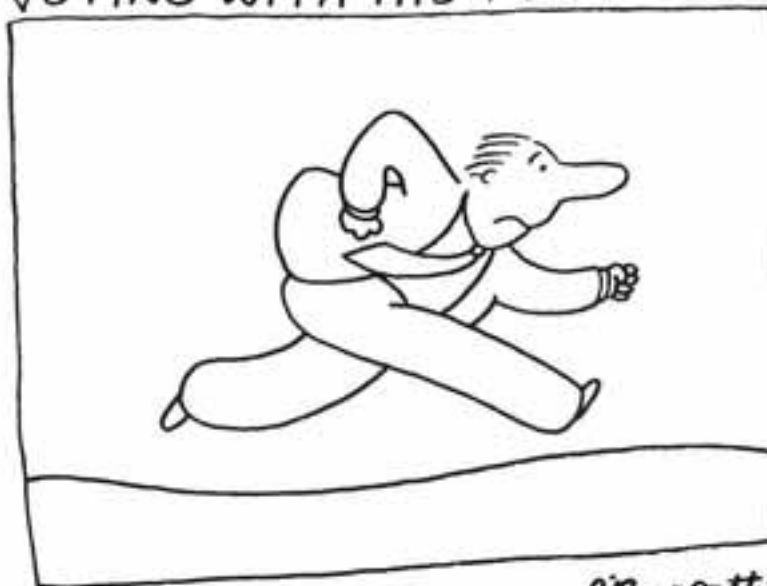
*“For Christmas she gave him a clavichord in kit form.
More I cannot tell you.”*



"Starting in February, we'd like you to expand to a full hour."



VOTING WITH HIS FEET



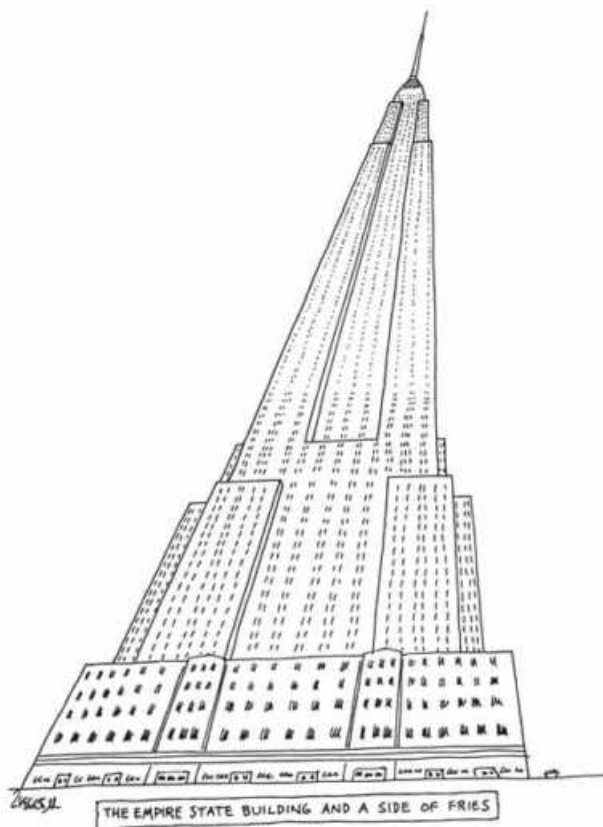
Charles Barsotti



"Ladies and gentlemen, there seems to be a fault in our pre-takeoff recorded-music system. Please remain calm and join with me in singing 'Bess, You Is My Woman Now.'"



“Ernest, it’s bedtime. The party’s over.”





"I'm a legend in my own precinct."





*“Roberts, here, is our man in charge of periodically reviewing
who we are.”*



“Come now, Mr. Hillman—everybody can’t have a happy ending.”



"What's going on in Washington reminds me of the thirties."

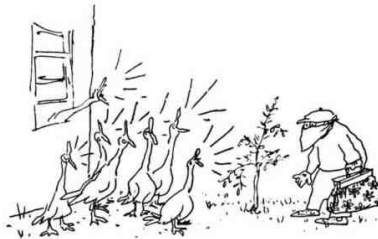
"To me, it seems like the fifties."

"It's a lot like the sixties to me."

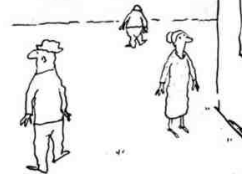


“And now here’s Fred Crosley to subject you to the news.”

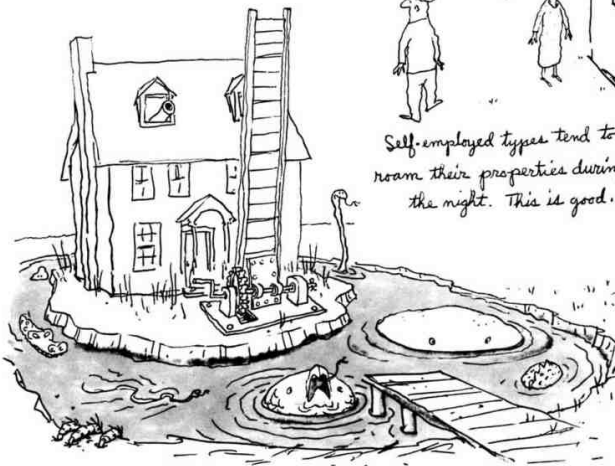
SECURITY (1 OF 2)



*Geese will still do the job.
And you can always use the eggs.*

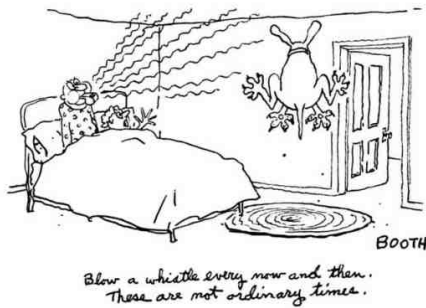
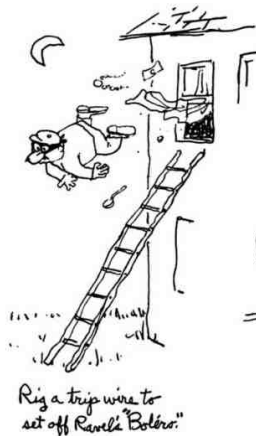
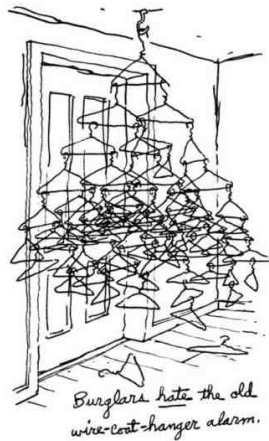


*Self-employed types tend to
roam their properties during
the night. This is good.*



*It is difficult these days to get
well-stocked moats out of one's mind.*

SECURITY (2 OF 2)







“Have I ever told you about the time I went to New Jersey?”





“And I thought I would never know more about you than the ripple you make on the way to your office!”



"I just want you to know, Ted, that I think you're a good boy, too."



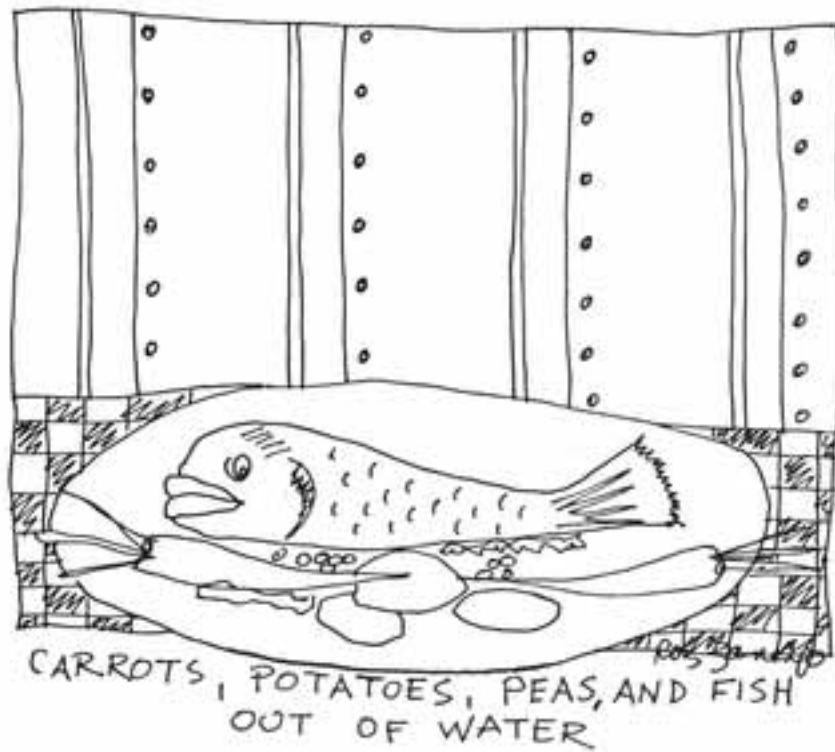
*"I'm sorry, dear, I must have lost consciousness.
What were you saying?"*



“Why don’t you damned civilians in this junta wear sunglasses?”



"Now here comes the kicker."







"It had to be said and I said it. I said, 'Benny, you're a sweetheart, but you're history.'"



*“You have to decide, Peter. Am I your significant other
or am I your tootsie-wootsie?”*



*"Edna tells me we haven't been seeing enough
of you folks, but I don't buy that."*



“Good evening. I am Martha’s son by a previous marriage.”



*"It's a conductor's podium. From there, with a baton,
you can lead eighty to ninety guys."*

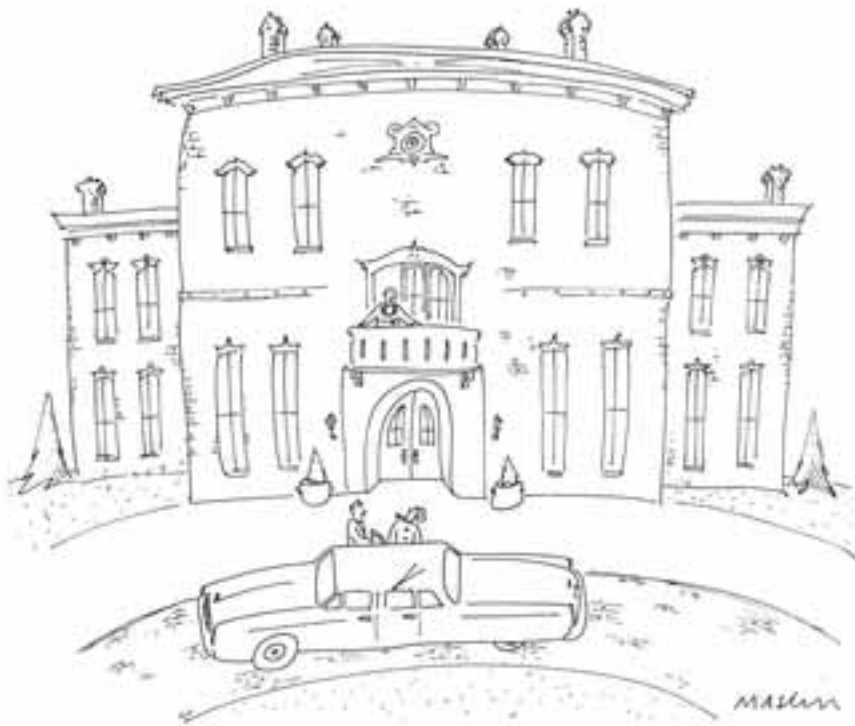


*“Maybe somebody should tell him that a mere cigar does
not a George Burns make.”*





“As Immanuel Kant—or possibly Cap Weinberger—once said . . .”



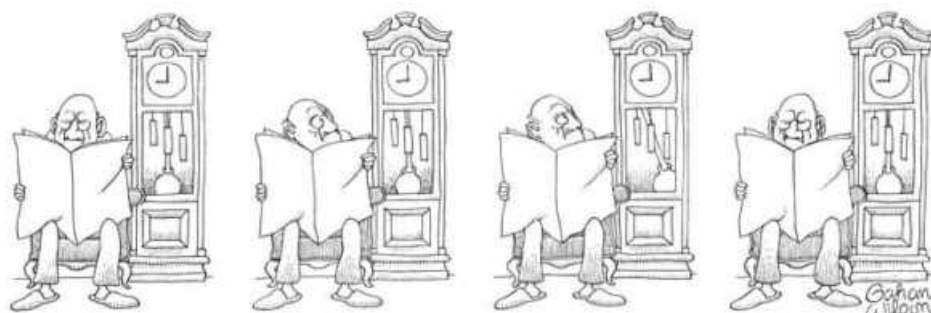
“Monique, wait! I’ve changed my mind. I’ll have the pistachio after all.”



"Whenever I go out, it Betamaxes a 'Gilligan's Island.'"



“But if there were a Secretary of Clothing I’d nominate Bill Blass.”



*"Bong. Bong. Bong.
Bong. Bong. Bong.
Bong. Bong."*

"Bong."



"I'm afraid they're out for the evening. Would you care to leave a message?"



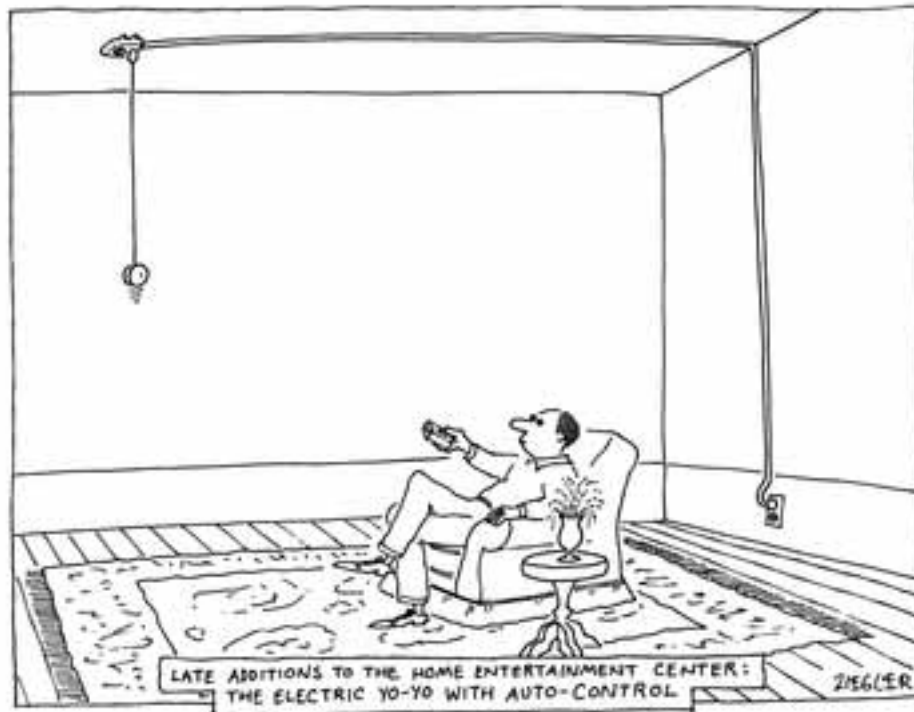
"Let's not squabble with one another, Wes. As loyal conservatives, let us not squabble within the ranks."





"Christmas has been over for weeks. When are you going to cheer up?"







*"Treat people as equals and the first thing you know
they believe they are."*





“Good morning, Miss Ferguson. I’d like to leave a 5 P.M. wake-up call.”



*"Helen, dear—may I call you Helen?—could
I have a little more coffee?"*





"Nothing for me. I'm just hanging out."



"She's here! The Erma Bombeck of East Washtenagh Avenue."



"I'll tell you another thing about that suit. You'll get a lot of wear out of it."





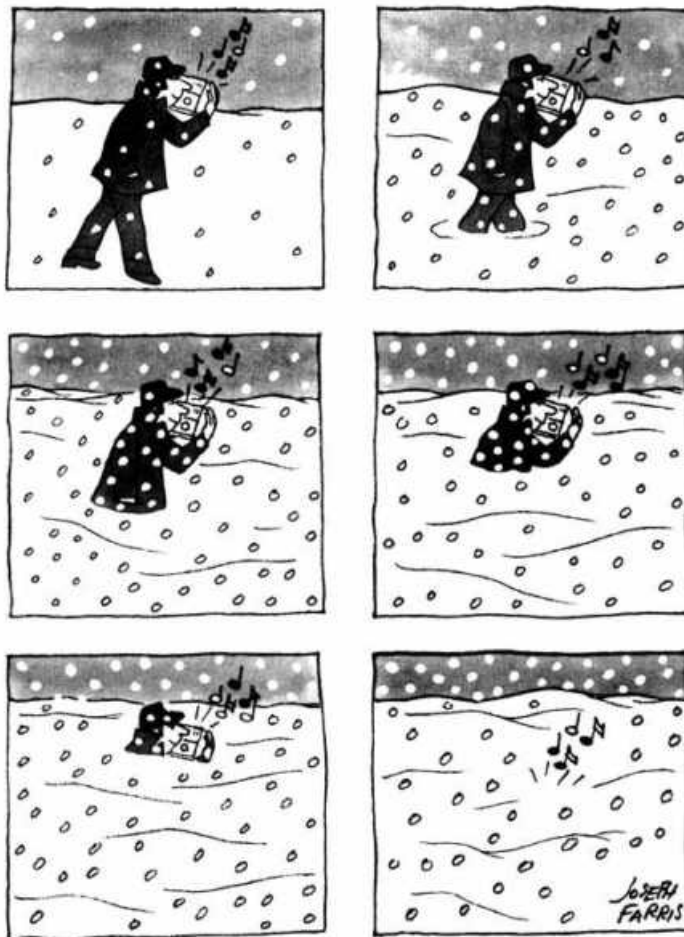
"Now, this over here, this is why you're going to have to go to jail."



“What was it we were supposed to soak up here?”



“Good day, sir. These gentlemen and I are representative of an entirely new breed of Republican, and we want to give you a lot of money, just for the hell of it.”





"I most heartily agree with you, Matilda. If everybody in the world were like me, it would be a dreadful world."



"At midnight the coach turns back into a pumpkin. I have no idea what, if anything, happens to this pumpkin pie."



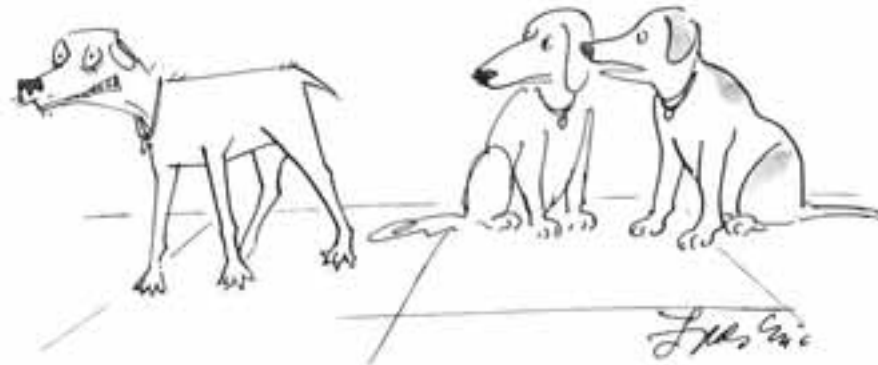


"I'm going to go have my hair done! I wouldn't go across the Sahara on a camel looking like this!"



"Harold is famous for his cast-iron façade."





"Stress!"



“Oh, no, I insist. Roll your credits, and then I’ll roll mine.”



*"I think you'll be very happy talking to Mr. Wenobscot, Edith.
Mr. Wenobscot is a Friend of the Earth."*

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY



A living room somewhere
in the Wheat Belt



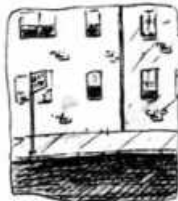
Math class



The Shopaway.
Route 89



The checkout
line



A bus stop on
Baines Avenue



A visit with
Ezra

J. Chast





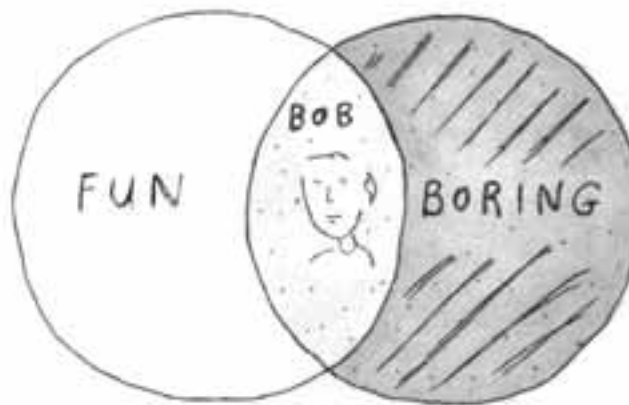


fig. 1-A

R. Chast



“He’s a very fussy eater.”



Charles Barsotti

"Harbrucker, you're upsetting the rest of the staff."



"Wow! This really is Heaven!"



“Personally, I’d feel a hell of a lot better if Reagan stopped reminding us that for years he was a union man.”



"If I were a surgeon, Mr. Ferguson, which I ain't, and your car was my patient, which it ain't—except that it is, in a funny sort of way; that is, if you want to look at it like that; you know what I mean—and you was her husband, I'd have to say, 'Sir, your wife is going to need a valve job.'"





The World Outside



“Your Honor, the defense calls to the stand the first of several experts.”

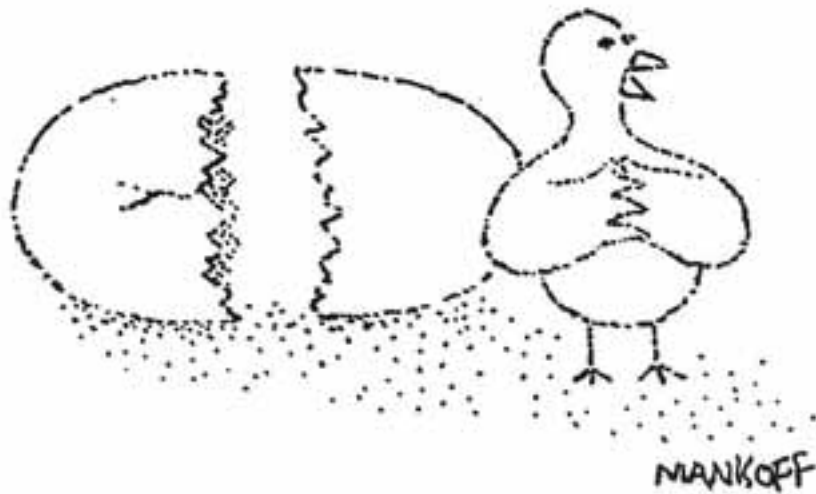


"That's not what Carl Sagan said."



"I like the Rawsons. They come late and leave early."

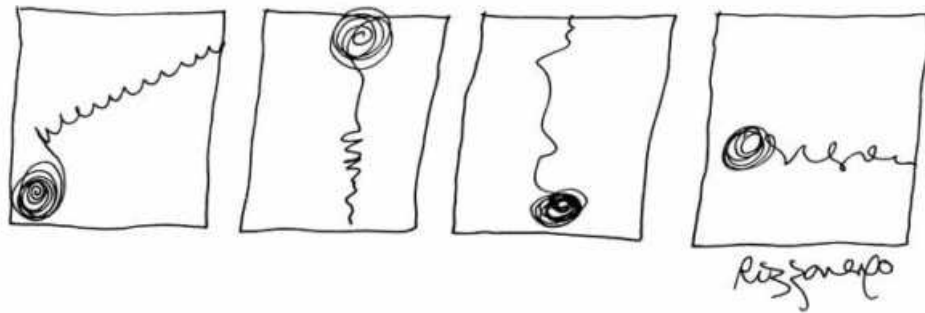




*"And for my next act I will escape from a galvanized-iron
can filled with water and secured by massive locks."*

1982

FOUR INSTANCES





“And this just in, folks. Seems a little old blizzard has slipped past the satellite photographs of our wizard weatherman and is headed our way. A weather emergency has been declared, and you are advised not to travel unless absolutely necessary.”



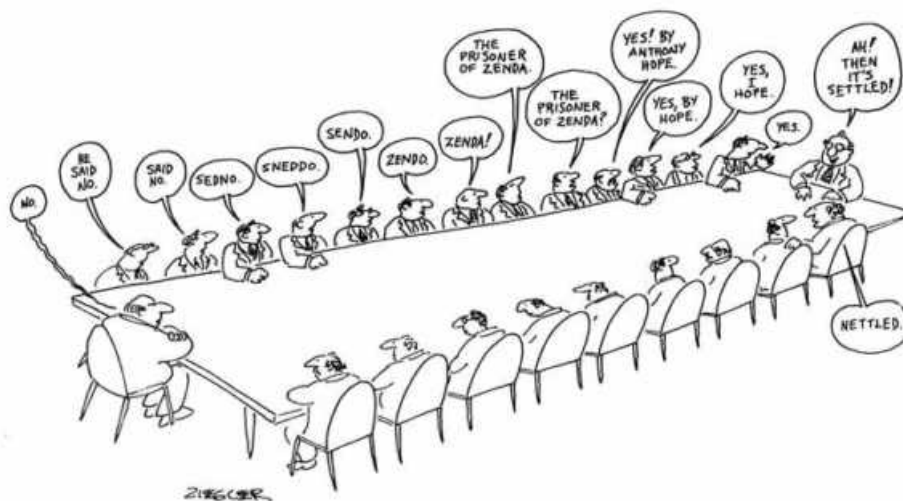
"I'll have the businessman's lunch. Blue-cheese dressing, sour cream and chives on the potato, bread lightly toasted, the fruit cup for dessert, and no coffee. Sincerely, Alden J. Thornton."



“Good news! It’s not a novel. It’s economic theory.”





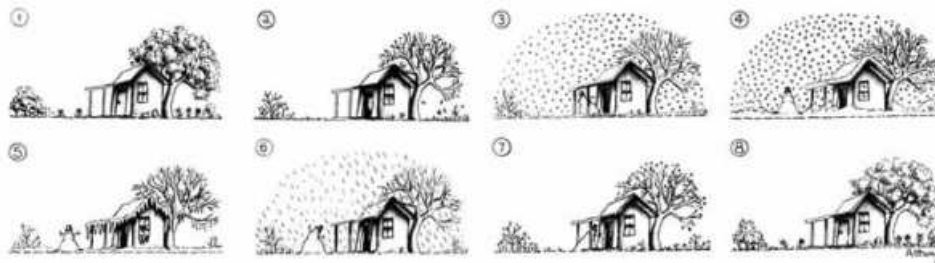




*“Well, I, for one, see nothing intrinsically funny about the name Muffy.
My mother’s name happens to be Muffy.”*



"We now return you to your local studios—and good riddance."





“Fellow-incumbents!”



"A box of big fat cigars."



"These are his sunset years."



“You must admit we’ve never wanted for coziness.”



"All right, fella. Freeze!"



"You never remember my birthday!"





“Frankly, it’s no better or worse than any other form of government.”

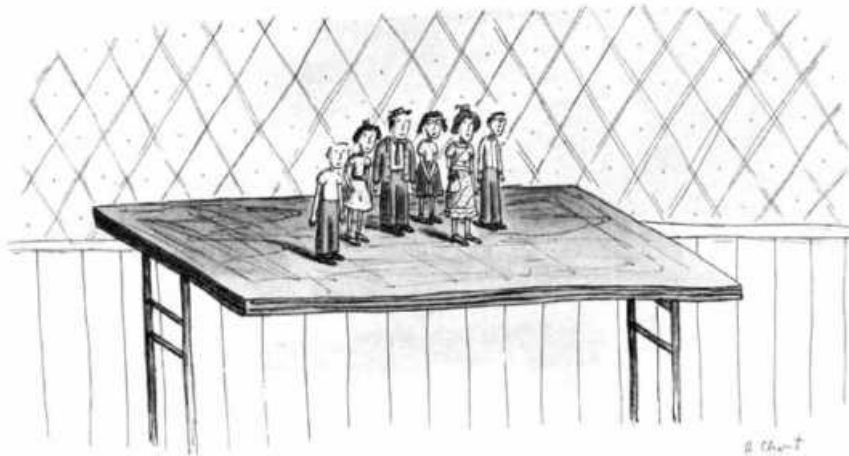




"Come see what Herb and Ellen brought."

The Tabletop Family

*They make their home on a tabletop,
where fun and laughter never stop.
They're smart and nice and very cute,
much better than a bowl of fruit.*





“My God! A valentine from the Federal Reserve!”



“People who wish to register their irritation should go to Room 203. People who want to express their anger should proceed to Room 210. And those who would like to give vent to their frustration must wait here.”



“Well, you wanted a place with more birds than people.”

AN EVENING WITH DINAH SHORE





*“Why haven’t some of my private cogent off-the-cuff
remarks found their way into the media?”*



"I know nothing about the world. How about you?"





“Could he be preppy?”



"We had a hunch they'd be perfect for each other."





"You've got to admire his paper flow."



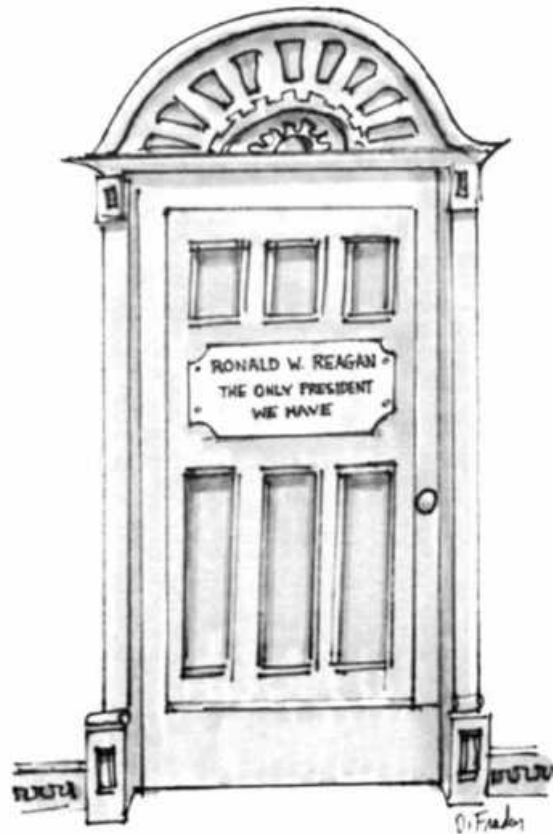
“Murchison’s theory is that it’s dog hair in your fuel line.”



*"We have no special place in mind. We're just pooped
and want to sack out."*



"Ready, Phil? Inventory time!"







*"I gather, then, you spend half your time on land
and half in the water."*





"Mr. Hornung is my chaperon."



Bachelor



“So no one actually sends you compliments. Isn’t this enough?”



“Do you know what you are saying? You are saying something very, very important.”





"Ours, too, is a cheese-rich nation."



"Turgid. I love it."



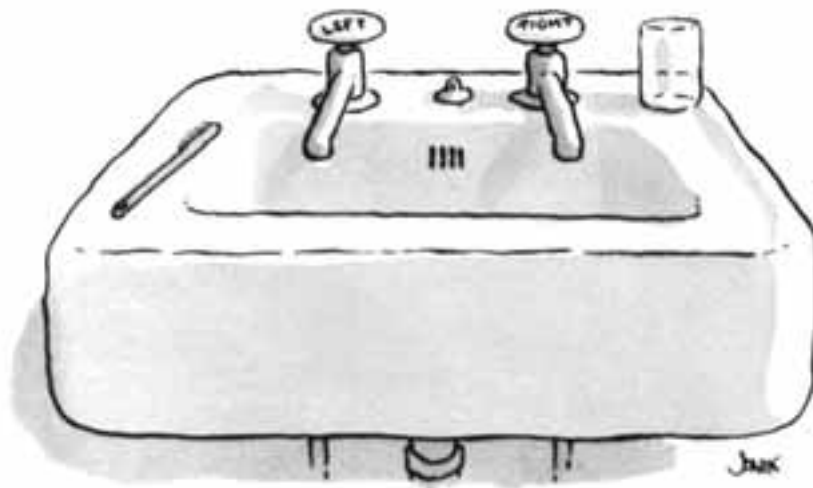




“Maybe they’re not the only factor, but I believe the Soviets are an important factor in the destabilization of our marriage.”



"Beer-o-gram."





"On Helmut Schmidt, yes."





“Goodness, David Attenborough isn’t on tonight, is he?”

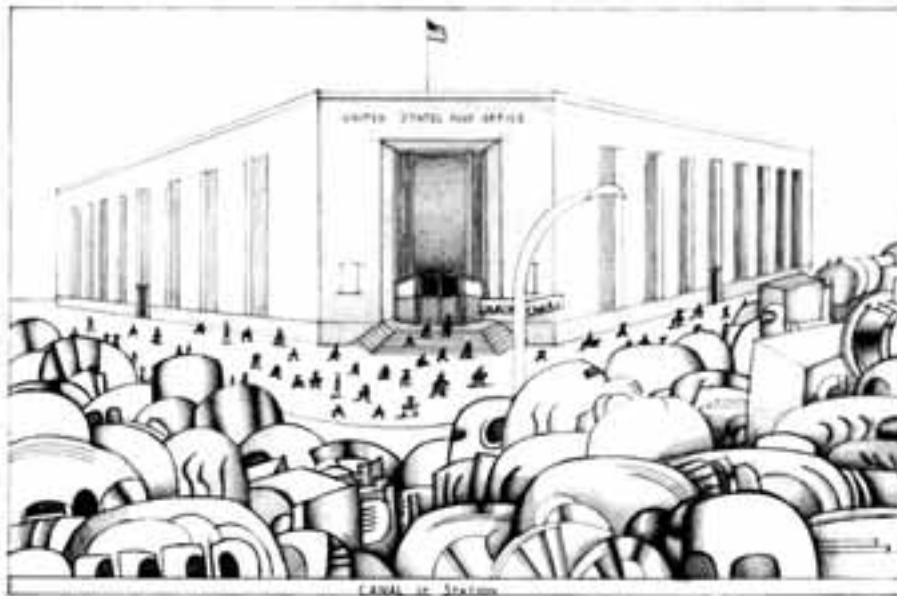


“And now, for all of you out there who are in love, or if you’ve ever been in love, or if you think you’ll be in love someday, or even if you only think you might like to be in love someday, this song is for you.”



“Confound it, Merriwell! Do you mean that all this time you’ve been talking micro while we’ve been talking macro?”

POST OFFICE (1 OF 4)



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POST OFFICE (4 OF 4)





"Dear old Edgar. He always manages to find some good news."



"Another round for my peers."



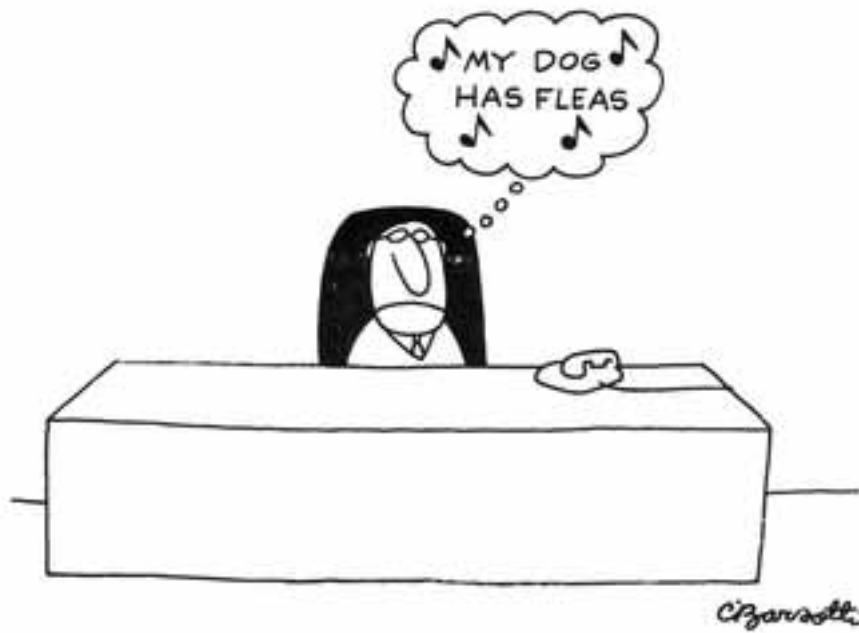


"The courts have ruled, sir, that we must divest ourselves of the Watson Company and Copper Fittings, Inc., sell off thirty per cent of our mining interests, and get you a smaller desk."





"... and the reason I didn't shave this morning is that all the razor blades got used up by the previous Administration."





"I'm getting sleepy, Ellen. I think I'll hit the sack."



*"I am not going to utter another word of this lecture
until I find out who said 'Pap!'"*





GRIDLOCK
6:53 P.M. 927 PORTER RD.



“Oh, he talks, all right, but he’s a master of understatement.”



*"It has come to my attention that somebody in here
is only going through the motions."*



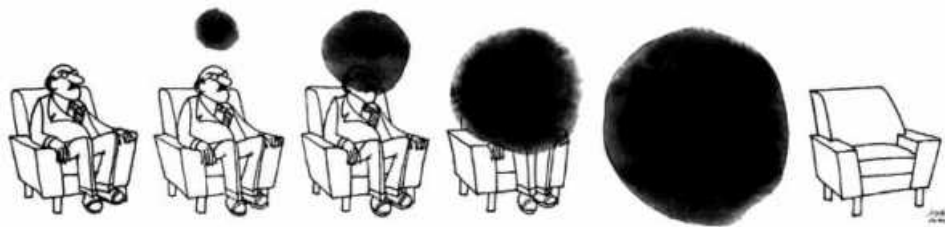


*“Good morning. I’m Tom Fetterman, and this is the
early-evening news.”*





"A little hand, if you will, Bob, for the Brewsterettes."







"Might I point out, sir, that that one goes particularly well with your tie?"



"I'm afraid we won't be going anywhere for a while, Charlotte. Don's locked in the struggle for the heart and mind of Ronald Reagan."



"Well, for one thing, George, I'm already married."



"I'm afraid Rome is out. Mr. Elgar doesn't like architecture."



“O.K., Chief! Hang on to your socks!”



"Hugh understands wood."



"We're waiting for the New Gopher of the Eighties to emerge."





“Major indicators aside, how are you?”



1982



*"Damn it, Cruikshank,
just say what you have to
say in plain English."*



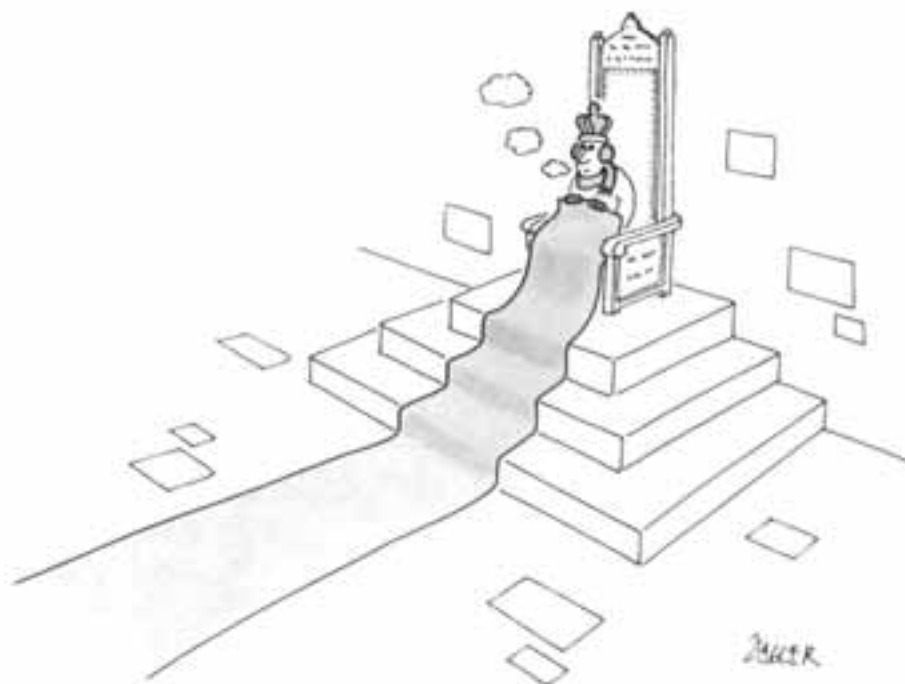
“Good news! Jazz and I are back.”



*“Apparently, my over two hundred screen credits didn’t
mean a damn thing.”*



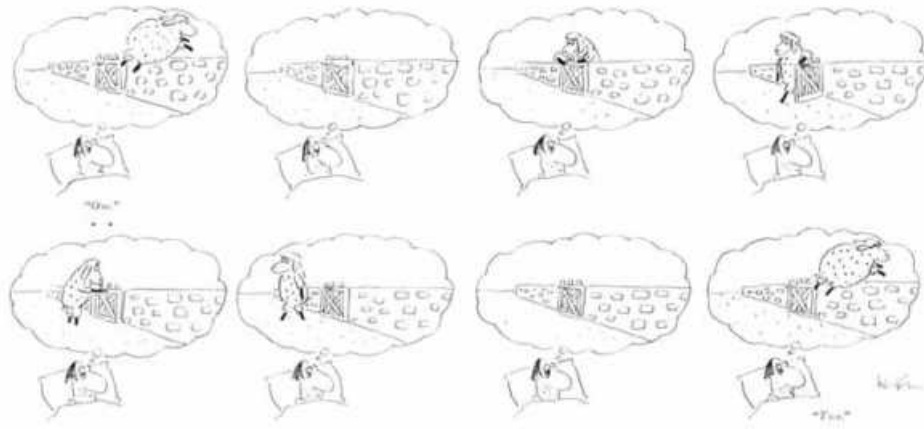
“By golly, it is Ed Koch!”





“Chubby! Who the hell is Chubby?”







"All right, Breger, you hop a plane for Israel and explain our reasons for this decision. And you, Drellman, fly over to Syria and explain our reasons to them. Hawkins, you review the background for our decision in Cairo, and you, Trent, brief NATO on our thinking. Roessler, you cover Saudi Arabia, giving our reasons for this decision there. And you, Attwatter, get over to Iraq and Jordan, briefing those people. O.K.? By the way, what exactly was our decision?"



"May I park here just long enough to deliver a get-well present?"



"I want national recognition for the problems I've had with him."



*“At any rate, gentlemen, that’s my view. But, of course,
it’s not carved in stone, ha, ha.”*





“And another thing, Barry—you only pretended to love whales.”

1982







"I'd like to try on something in one of the new power colors."





*"These projected figures are a figment of our imagination.
We hope you like them."*



Peaceable Kingdom





"That's Alice, me, and our children. And, of course, you recognize Ron, Nancy, and their children."



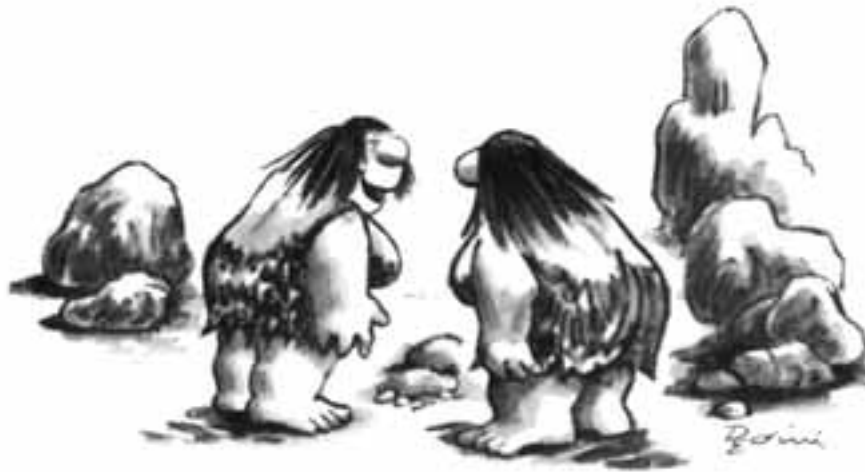
“ . . . and, folks, spring arrives tomorrow at 5:56 P.M.”

1982

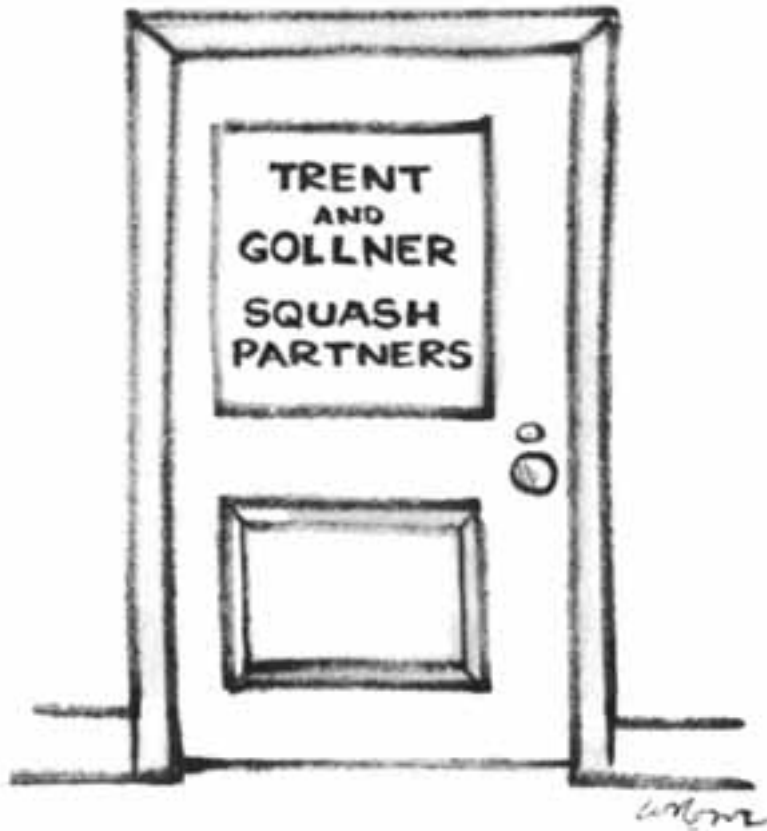




"I laughed at the pig tie for my birthday, but then came the pig belt for Christmas, followed by the pig nightshirt for our anniversary . . ."



"I saw a Cro-Magnon man today. Wow!"







"It's an orchid, but it never does anything."



"Try again."





“Good heavens, no. That one doesn’t say ‘money,’ it says ‘bucks.’”

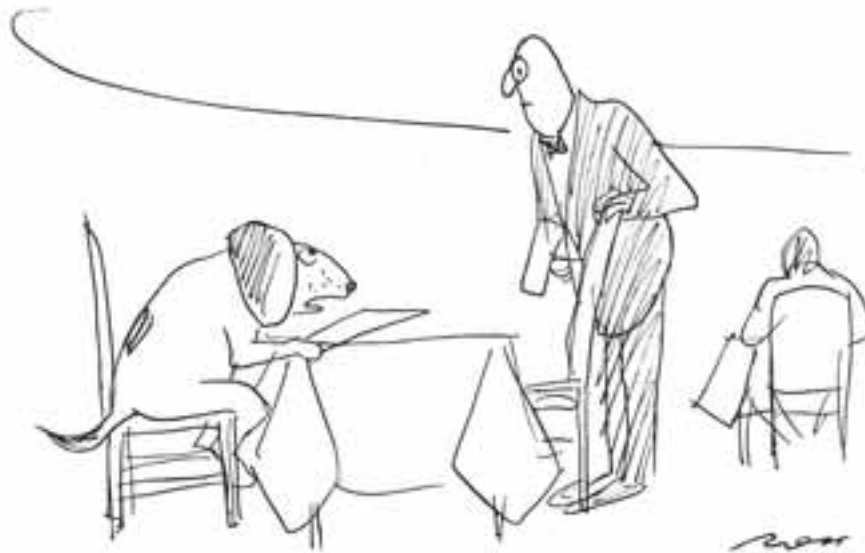


“Our commission has found, Sire, that the nail was not, in fact, lost. It appears it was never driven into the horseshoe, owing to a bureaucratic error.”

PARALLEL UNIVERSES







"I'll have the dog's breakfast, please."



*"You could care less? Don't you mean you couldn't care less?
That kind of crummy English is why I'm leaving."*



"I say damn the media—full speed ahead!"





"Nikki is wearing a single-breasted, notched-collar classic jacket in tweed over a band-collared and deeply yoked blouse. Her pocketed dirndl skirt is challis. All are by Halston. Her books are by John Irving and Doris Lessing."





“Good, we’re all agreed. I like it when we’re all agreed.”



"Spring is here, Thornton. Time to hang up your skates."



“Teacher burnout.”



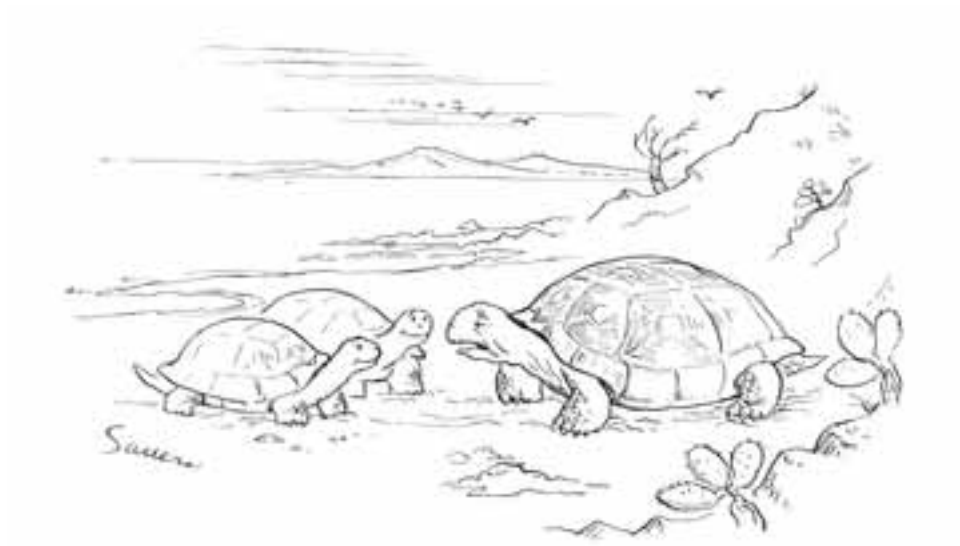
“Mr. and Mrs. Treadwell, may I present the decorous Mr. Hobart, the boisterous Mr. Plimstead, the dissolute Mr. Glennhaven, and the stuffy Mr. Hollingswood.”



*“Owning a front-wheel-drive car hasn’t made you a better person.
What makes you think owning a four-wheel-drive car will make
you a better person?”*



*“If you’re through with the ‘eat, drink, and be merry’ section,
how about swapping for the ‘tomorrow we die’ section?”*



"I knew Darwin. Nice guy."



“... and here with an opposing view is Leonid I. Brezhnev.”



"Hey, I like this town!"

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Highlights of the Corporate Calendar

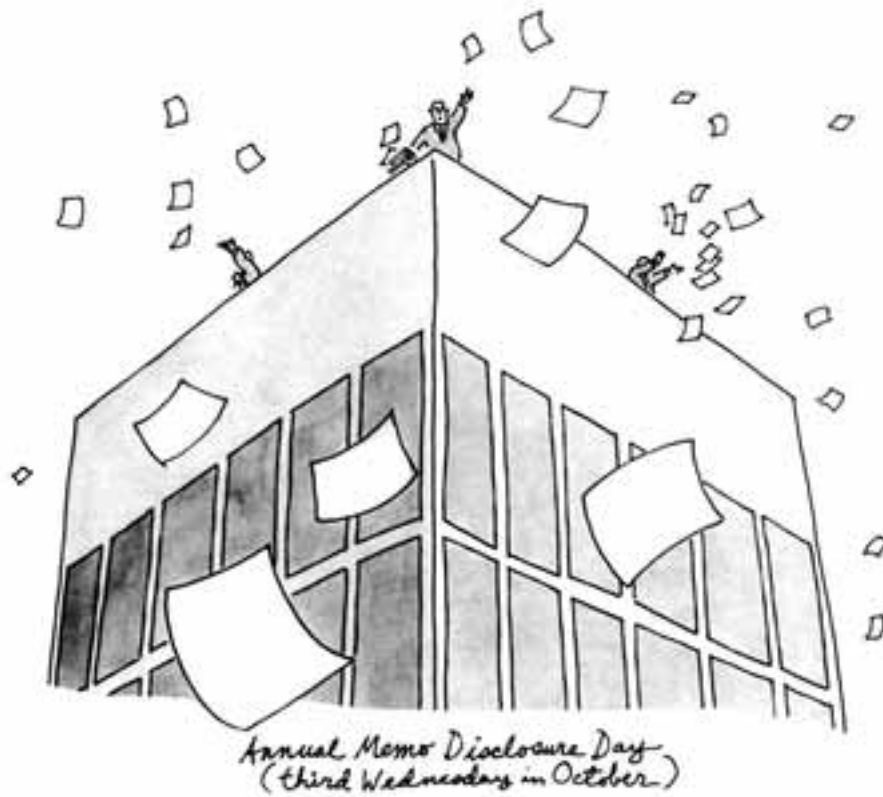


*The Blessing of the Boardroom
(first Monday in January)*



*Silly Socks Day
(Friday before Labor Day)*

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(3 OF 6)



(4 OF 6)



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*Same Tie Day
(second Thursday in March)*

(6 OF 6)



*Porkless Wednesday
(first Wednesday in May)*



*“O.K., but change ‘Her tawny body glistened beneath the azure sky’
to ‘National problems demand national solutions.’”*



“Did anyone see a Greek fisherman’s cap blow past here?”

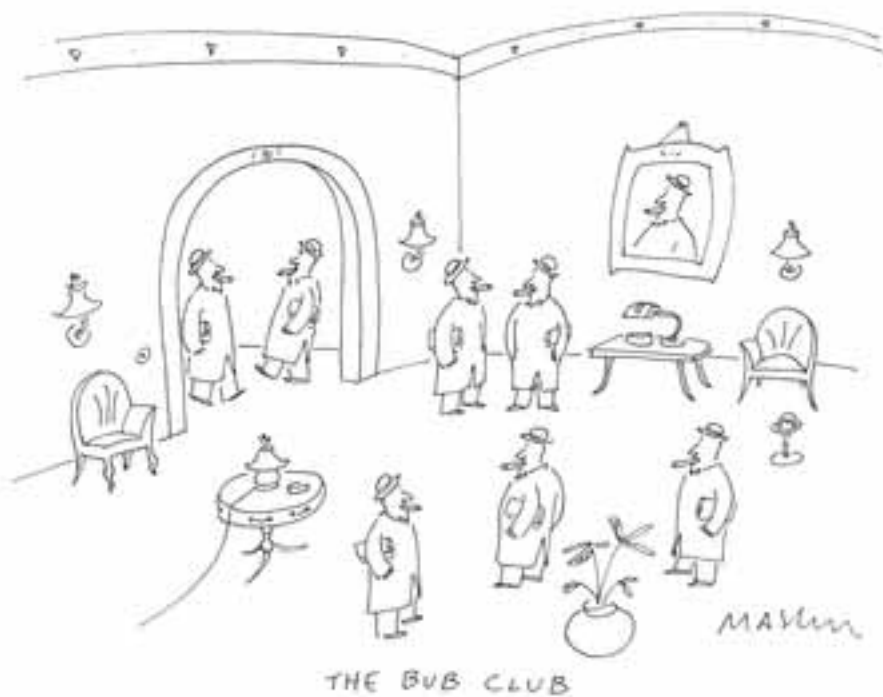


*“When Cindy and I met in law school, certain fireworks
were caused to take place.”*



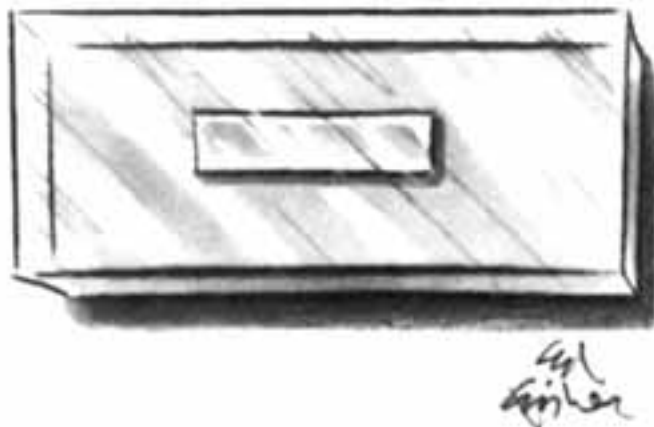


"A final question. Did you have a hard day at the office?"





"Everybody here knows everything about everything, so if I were you I'd keep my mouth shut."



THE SINGLE STANDARD OF MORALITY
(IN ITS HERMETICALLY SEALED CASE AT THE
NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS)



"Where are my kind of people going this year?"



"I have no particular objection to the earth, but I wouldn't go so far as to call myself its friend."



“Mayor Koch loves Chinese.”





"Just once I'd like to find one of those posh watering holes I keep hearing about."



“Well, what do you think—is spring here to stay?”



"But damn it, Betsy, I thought we agreed we're moving out of collectibles."





"I can't sing a note, but I can draw a straight line."



"There was a time when blue collar looked blue collar."

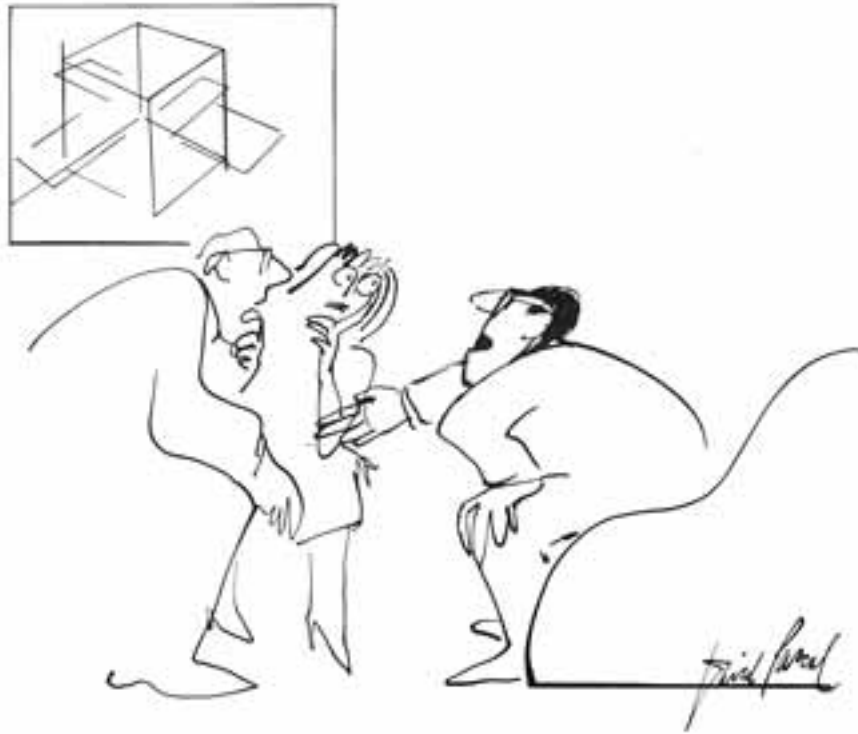


"It's all right, dear. Kidder, Peabody. For me."









“Mind you, I don’t mean just plain nothing. Not nothing nothing. But nothing as something.”



*"Good evening from Washington."
"Good evening from New York."*

"Bye-bye from Larchmont."



“Can’t you get him to play dead or something?”



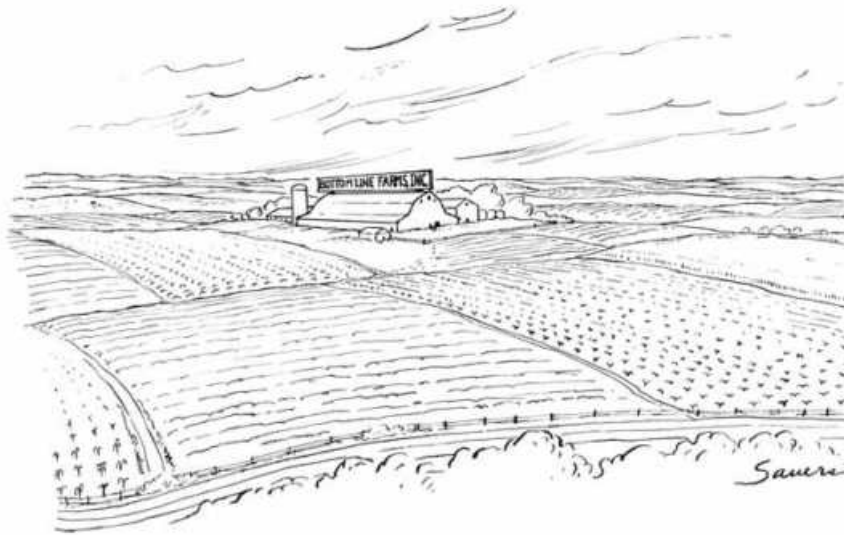
"This reminds me of Lenin's famous line about carburetors."



WALLACE MILLBANK
NOT JUST ANOTHER PRETTY FACE



"Who do you expect for two bits, lady—Yo-Yo Ma?"





“Why? Whereas, that’s why!”





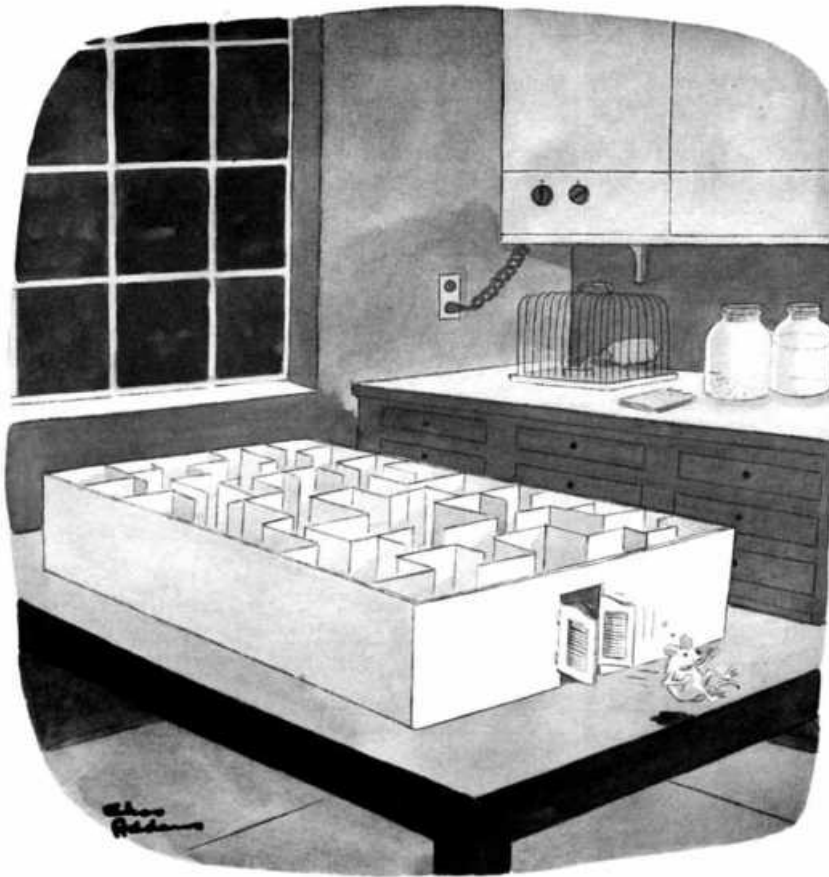
*"They do lots and lots of hard work.
We should never forget to give them
credit for that."*



*"She had the Jordache look, and he had the
Ralph Lauren look, and they collided."*



*"I don't care much for him, but I feel
strangely drawn to Carol Bellamy."*





“The start of a new season is a welcome time for all of us. Winter gives way to spring, and pleasant childhood memories are revived. Play ball!”



“Search me, Boris. All I know is what I read in ‘Izvestia.’”



“One thing I’ll say for him. He does have a coherent foreign policy!”



"Hey, pal—it's over!"



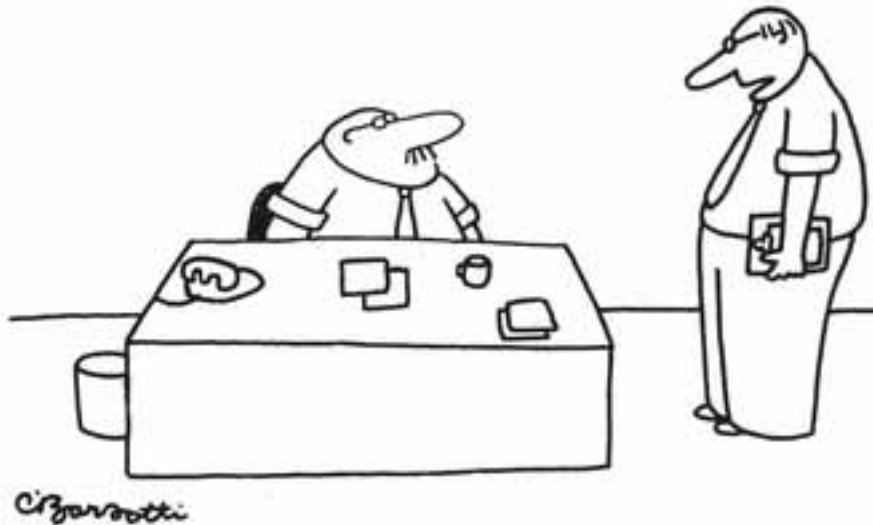
*“Please, can’t we get through just one edition of
‘Eyewitness News’ without you yelling ‘Hats off!’
to him or her?”*



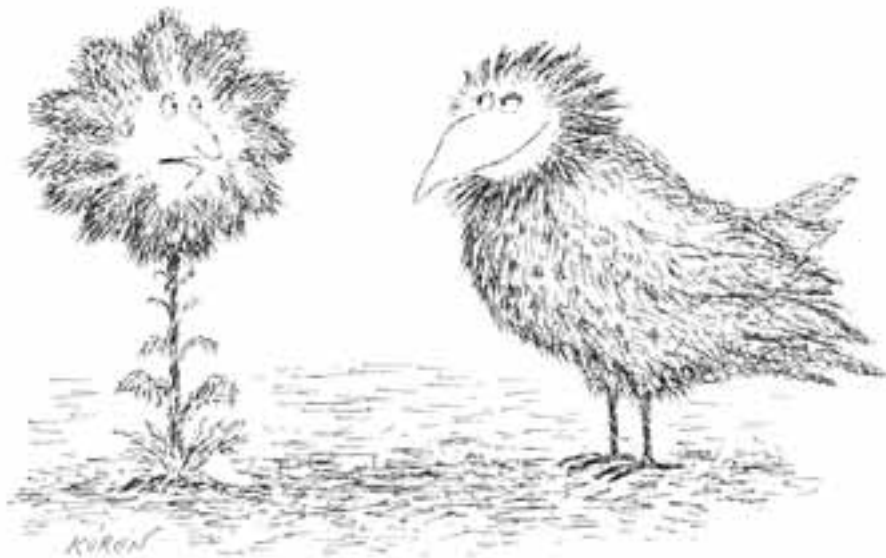
*"Achieving a consensus is not my style.
When I'm right, I'm right."*



"Just browsing, thanks."



"There's talk that the company's being acquired by the Masco-Hoskins Corporation, but don't switch your allegiance until you hear from me that it's definite."



“I’m sorry—I feel uncomfortable talking about sex.”





"This is my cousin Sebastian. But, of course, not the Sebastian."





*“You’re right. I’m no Katie Hepburn. And you’re
no Hank Fonda, either!”*



"So we got apprehended. At least we tried."



“From now until October, he’ll be quiet as a pussycat.”



"Fellow barbarians!"



"I'm sorry, I don't like men with a mustache."









“Every twenty minutes, another small farmer disappears. You’re next.”



Bernard Schoenbaum.



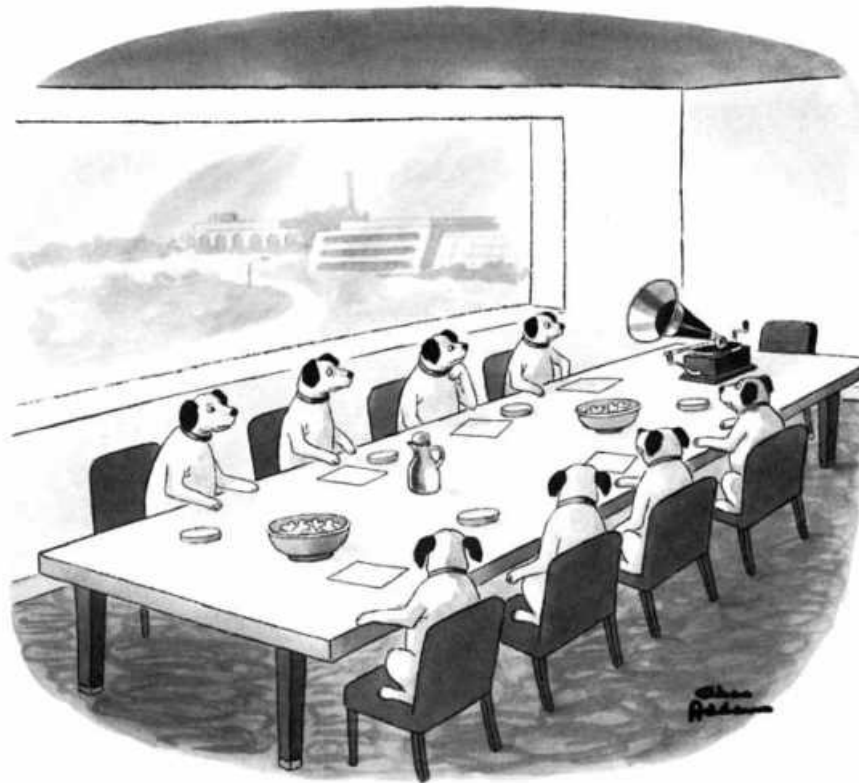
*"We already found fire, thank you. Right now we're
looking for a good party."*



"So we've always had a roof over our heads. Big deal!"



"Mrs. Edwards, I'd like to introduce you to the great sounds of Harlan Atwood III."





"The David Attenborough look."



*“Turnbull, I was just telling Mr. Hartley how much
I like the way you do things. Do something.”*



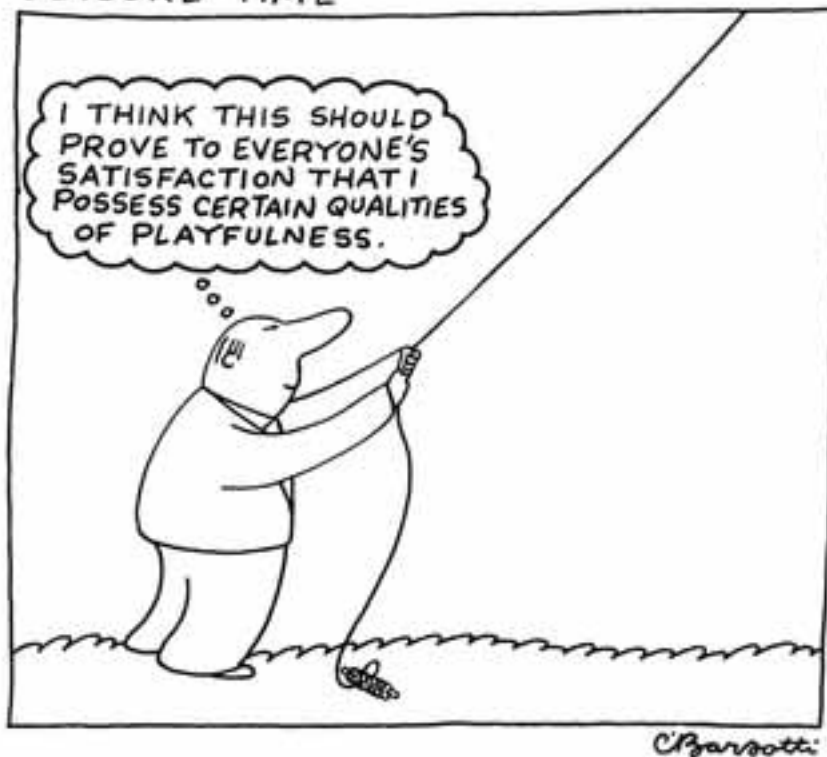
*“Ralston has all the ingredients for success,
but unfortunately no success.”*



"From Day One of my career, I've always been perceived as marching to a different drummer. But the truth is I've never marched to any drummer at all."



LEISURE TIME





*“Look, if it’s not too much trouble, could you move
those damned wind chimes?”*



"Jesse's my anchor."

BUZZWORDS

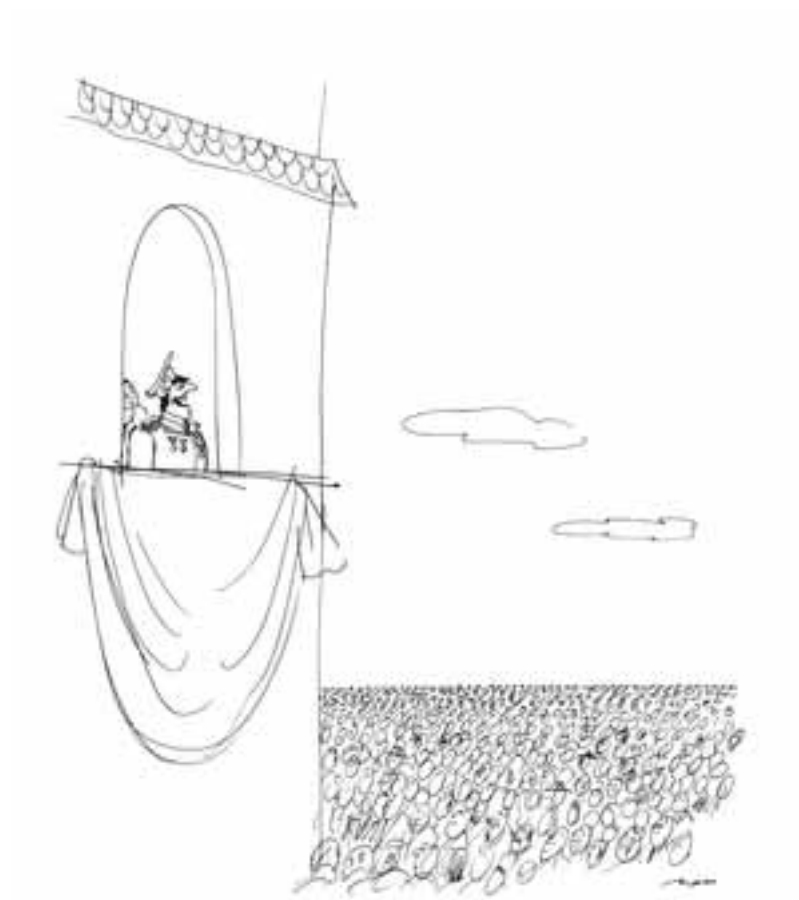
OF
NORTH 7TH STREET



R. Chast



*"You know what I bet it is? I bet we're breaking up
but we just don't realize it yet."*



"First, let me say I love the view!"



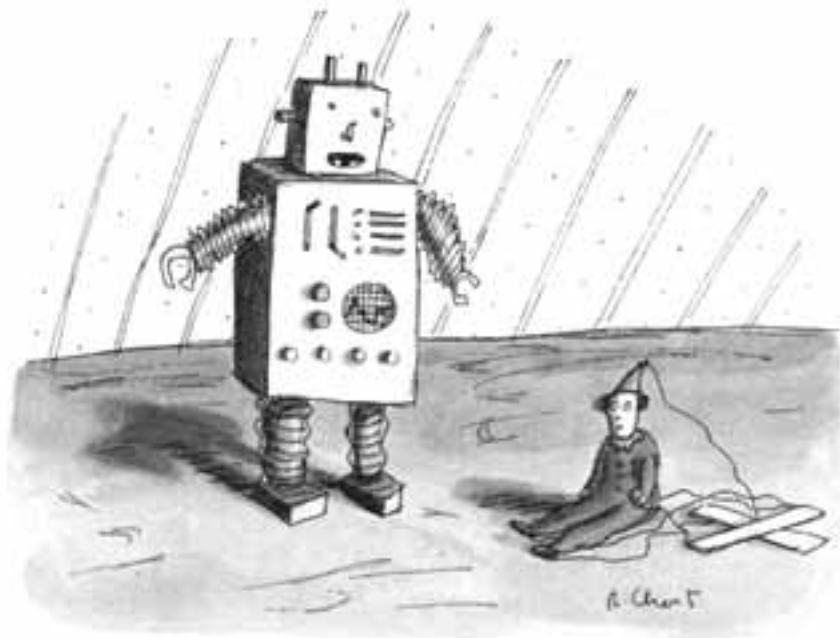
"Vice-President Bush was almost visible today."



*"You understand, Celia, that what I am about to say
is not for attribution."*







*"I'll make a deal with you. You don't push my buttons,
and I won't pull your strings."*



*"Will you say hello to Mother? She wants to let the
air out of your balloon."*





"Toby is very good in traffic."

LONESOME COWBOY



C. Barsotti



"Could we have a little eye contact?"



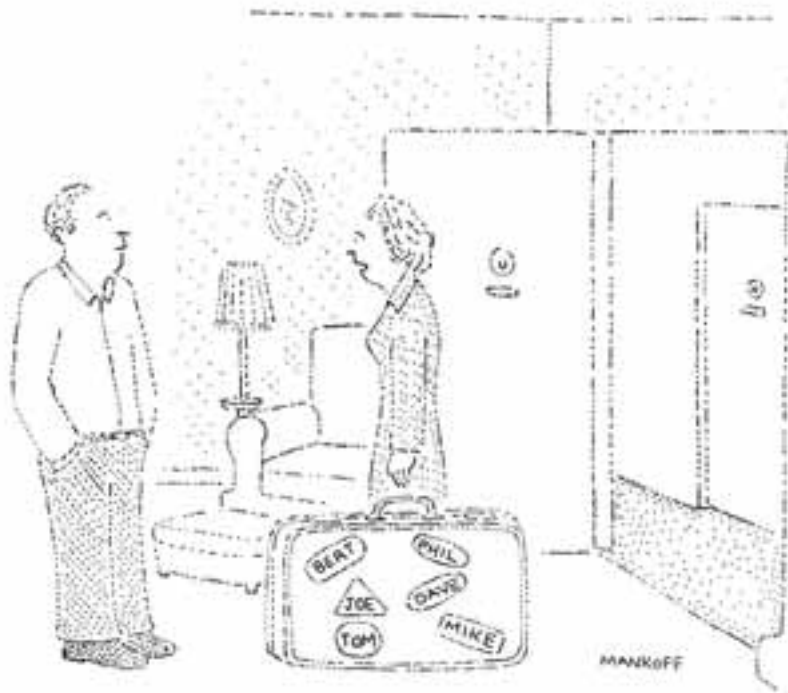
“Let’s face it. You’re not a mover, and I’m not a shaker.”



*“Here I am, having a love affair with New York,
and you tell me it’s happening in Houston?”*



*"It's the never-ending struggle between the State
Department and the Department of Defense."*



"Well, so long, Bert."



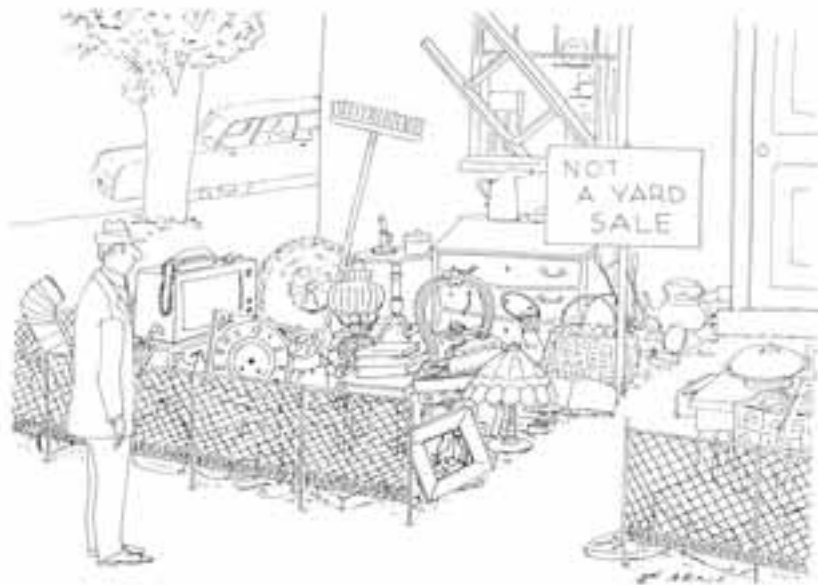
"My Lord! Their basic house wine is the same as ours."



"I wasn't talking about those sixties, I was talking about my sixties."



*"Hi. I'm Reality, now in a new, more
attractive, more exciting guise."*





"When I get home tonight, remind me to call Babcock about the furnace."



*“When it comes to forsythia, Raymond’s motto
is ‘Prune without pity.’”*



*“Because, son, we’re not the sort of people who have
amusing license plates, and that’s that.”*



"We will intensify our attack on the morality of the country, step up our pornography campaign, infiltrate the media, and further undermine political, educational, and religious institutions. We'll stir up the old ethnic suspicions and spread rumors about shortages and rationing. Then we'll top it all off with a whole new era of earsplitting psychedelic rock!"



“All those in favor of accepting the results of the free election say ‘Aye.’”



"Is the, er, curator of the house in?"



"It's for you."



"Another nice thing about this spot—it hasn't been discovered yet."



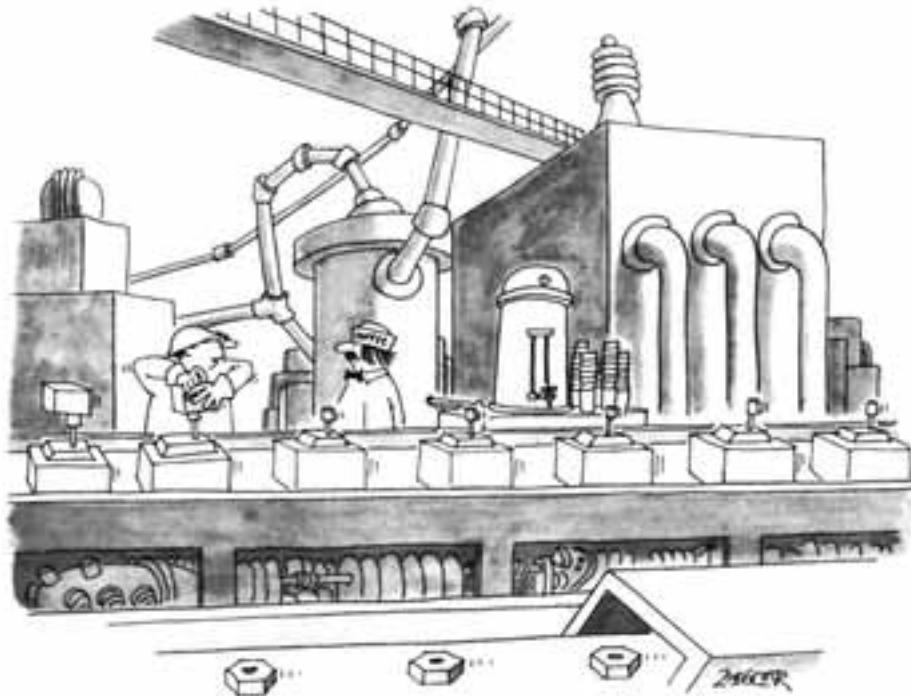
"Oh, nothing much. Still chasing the great white whale."



"Will that be all, sir?"



*“And then it hit me. I’ve reached that stage in life where
most of my friends are lawyers.”*



"The usual."



*"Owing to our policy of programming only the best of the arts,
we have temporarily run out of masterpieces."*



"Funny. Very funny. But guilty."





"I had a maiden once, but she left me."



"I don't agree. I think this is a great century to be living in. And a good thing, too, since it happens to be the one we are living in."



"Lorraine is the other side of the McCloskey coin."



*“... and Bobby Short’s manager said thanks but
no thanks to a command performance.”*









"In the second act, I heard you laugh!"



“Oh, I’ve had some nice things said about me, but I’ve never been—you know—hailed.”





"I'm worried about you. You're no longer writhing during the news."



"I suppose it's not that much if you see it in the context of a three-trillion-dollar economy."



*“Can you come over here for a moment, Gregory?
I’d like to talk to you.”*

Superheroes



R. Chast



“James Reston’s grandmother must have been a wonderful woman.”





*“Gersten, how do you think you’d perform in a
zero-gravity environment?”*



"Oops! My floor, guys. I'll see you later."



"I'm a very sensual person. How about you, Mr. Gellerman?"



"It was right where you left it—under the table."



“What kills me about Washington is all these goddam stairs!”



“Beulah has had four husbands, nine children, and twenty-three grandchildren, and God knows how many doughnuts she’s served.”



“Isn’t it astonishing that no two of us are exactly alike?”

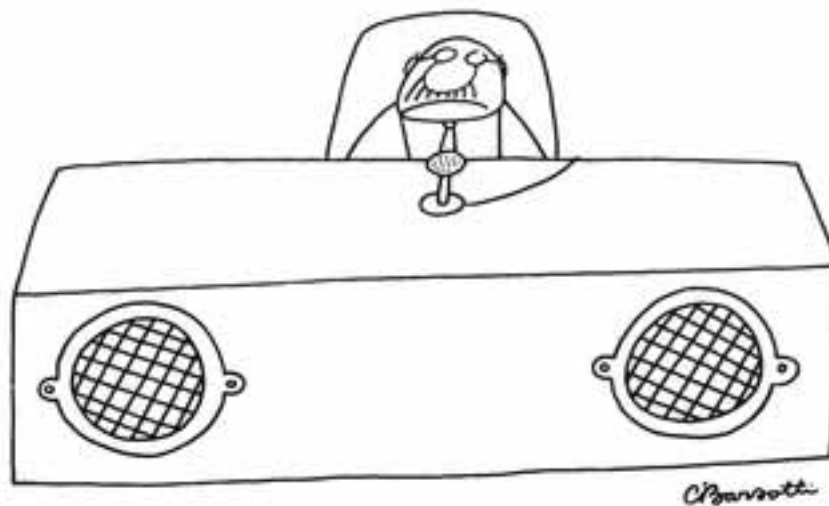


*"Sometimes it's Howard who answers and sometimes
it's the bird who answers."*

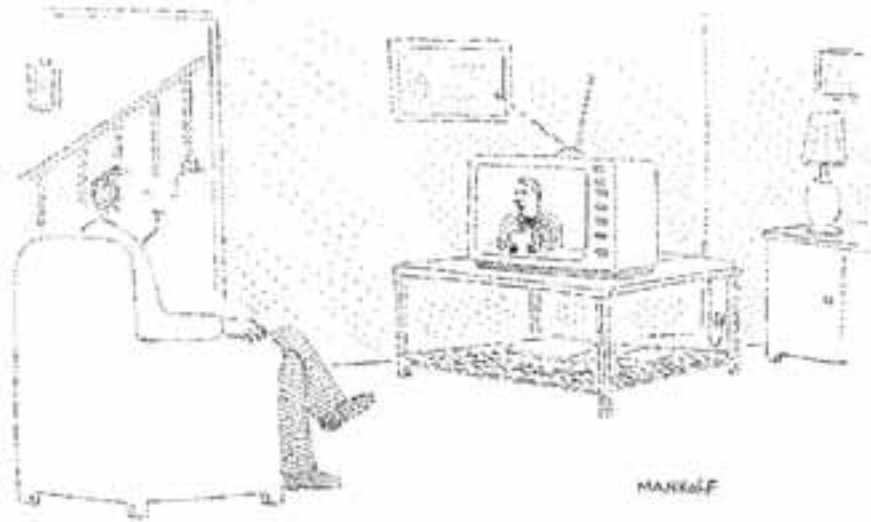


"I may be giving out, but I'm not giving in."









"Final, revised government figures for the fourth quarter of 1981 now indicate that the Yankees, not the Dodgers, won the World Series."



"We decided to throw out everything and just decorate with plants."



“Not the easiest man in the kingdom to live with, needless to say, but a damned good provider.”



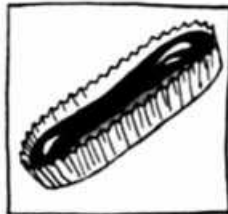




*“Yes, I am going to the club. But I will not
be ‘hanging out’ there.”*



THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS



CHOCOLATE ÉCLAIR



CHOCOLATE SOUFFLÉ



CHOCOLATE
BLANCMANGÉ



CHOCOLATE
SWISS ROLL



CHOCOLATE
MERINGUE GÂTEAU



CHOCOLATE NUT
CROWN



CHOCOLATE
RUM TRUFFLE

A. Martin



“The People versus Howard Tempilins.”



“Question No. 3: What color are my eyes?”







“Is there any candidate for anything who isn't a centrist?”





"Id like my favorite new money to meet my favorite old money."



“Well, goodbye, Emily. It’s May 19th. You may remember my having mentioned some time ago that I was going to leave you on May 19th.”



The Cheshire Cat Revisited



*"Remember, gentlemen, we aren't here just to draft a constitution.
We're here to draft the best damned constitution in the world."*



*"Don't you think we've already been to one
crafts fair too many?"*





“Hey! After we spend the Russians into the ground, if there’s any money left let’s give a little party!”



“Quality? Good question. Hey, Ted, what’s the story on quality?”





*“One final note, then, as we wish you all Godspeed.
Those of us now inside academia most heartily encourage
those of you outside academia to stay outside academia.”*





"This is not exactly my kind of gathering. What I like is when everyone sits around the table, each person airs his views, and then we vote."





Street Scene





*"You needn't respond to that, Hopewell. Merely
Miss Benning's attempt to be humorous."*



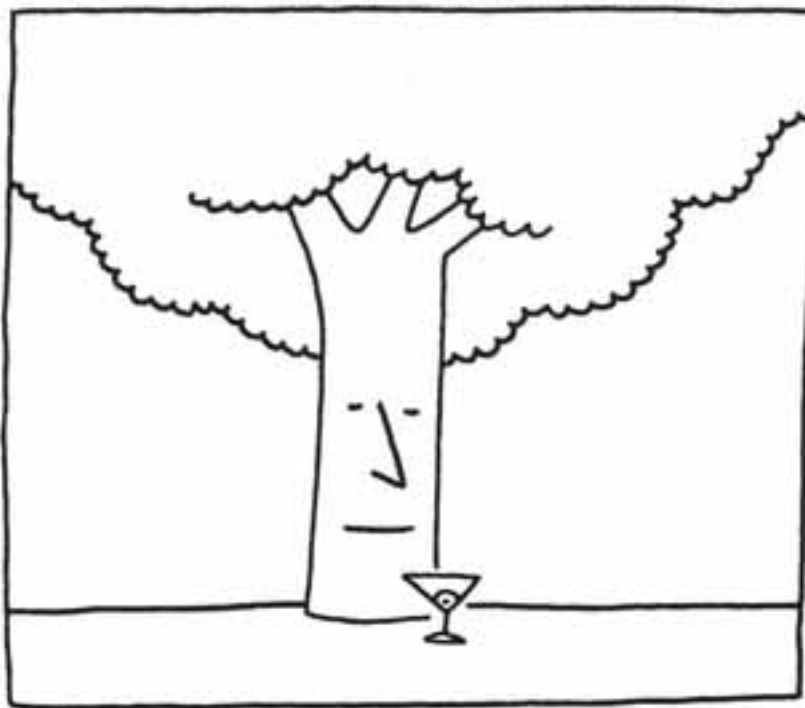


"Bonbon?"



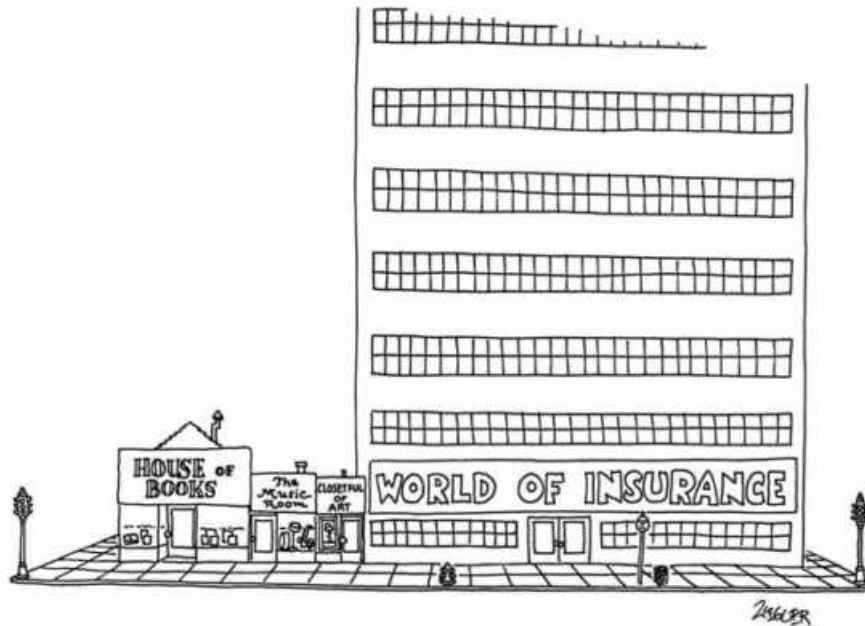
"We're Sue and Ed McDermott. Our marriage works."

FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE FOREST



C. Barsotti







"Where else? The Knoxville World's Fair!"



*"Doug's at a hard place in life. Post nuclear family
but not ready for the electronic cottage."*



"Do you have any gimmicks that would get me to Toledo, Ohio?"



“All right, children, who wants to open our discussion of the Papa Bear’s sense of rage? Tommy?”



"Mr. Clayton does potato commercials."







*"Tonight's guests include Sarah Denborrow, of the Ed Gillespie, of the 'Wall
Howard Filstrip, of the Washington 'Post'... Street Journal'...
New York 'Times'..."*



and Ray Fenwick, of 'Time.' I'm your host, Bob Renko."



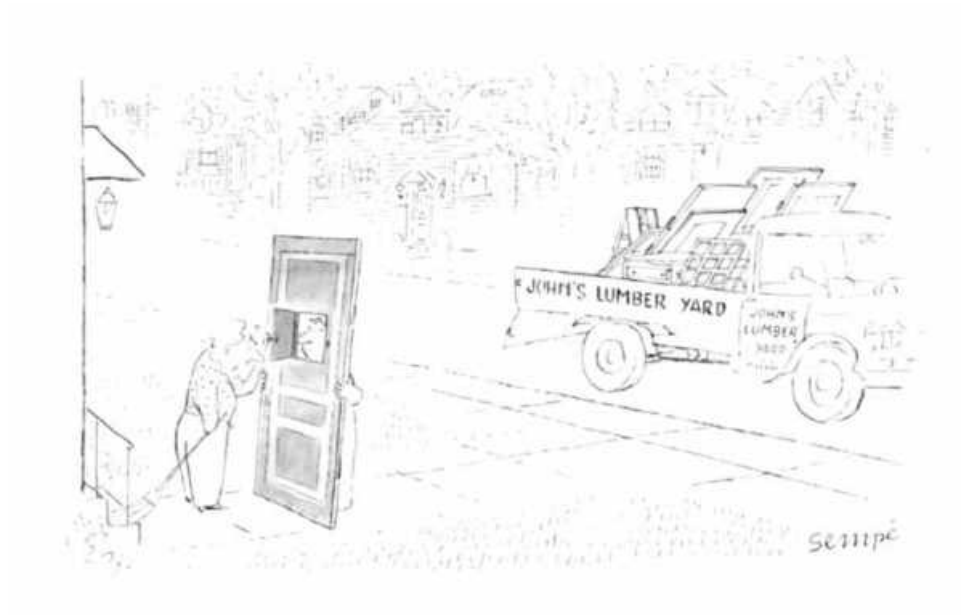
“Gosh, Susan. Ignore me, hate me, treat me like dirt—I can take anything but your bureaucratic indifference!”



*"You're late. We've decided that the king is out of touch
and that you are to tell him."*



“At least they’re not bothering us.”





"Thank you. You're a gentleman but not a scholar. You're a bum."



"He's reading the funnies."



"It appears, gentlemen, we're going to have to sweeten our offer."



"I'm glad you said that."

HAPPY TRAILS







"I'm sorry, Harrison, but we're putting you out to pasture."



"Most of Duane's ideas never see the light of day."





“Adios, Ned.”



"Sure, he's a great American. But so are a lot of guys."



*"What happened, Madeline? Overnight, I've been
turned into a little shrimp."*



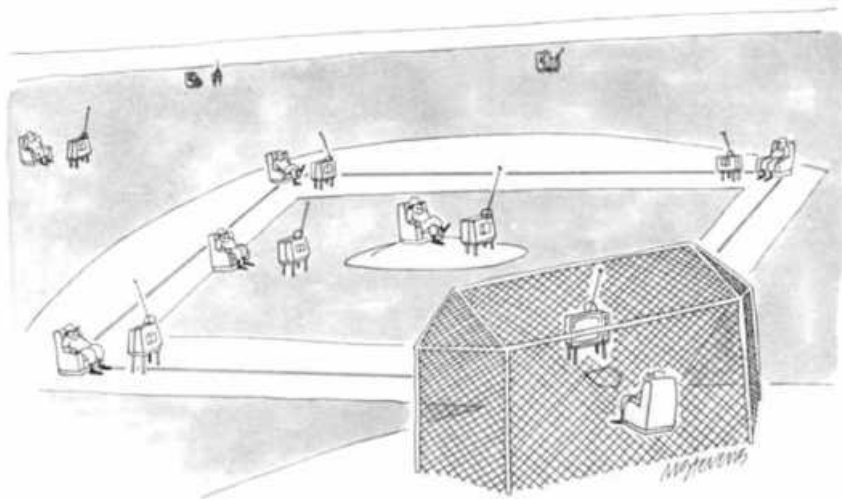


"I don't have much hope for this broad-based coalition."





“Hey, now, don’t get upset. I know we agreed not to call, but I couldn’t resist when I saw our little restaurant listed in the ‘Times’ with a health-code violation.”

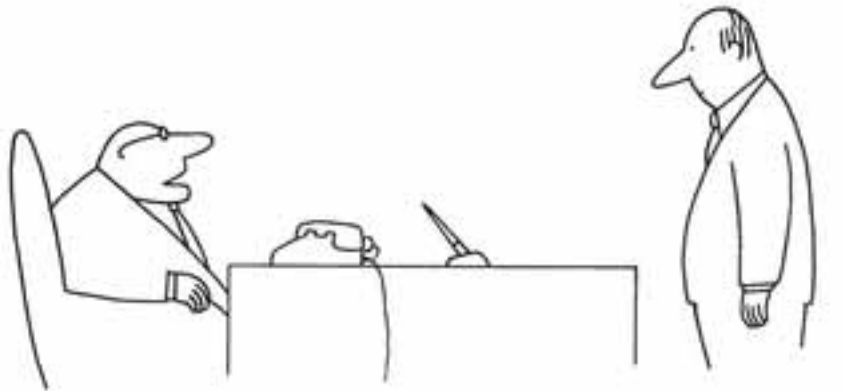




Folklorist



“Good God, man—not ‘Stardust’ again?”



“But this trip, instead of flying straight back from L.A., stop over someplace in the heartland. I want to know what they’re thinking in the heartland.”



"It is a pretty house, and I do like it, Lucy, but I also look on it as an investment."





*"I know you don't agree with what I'm saying, son, but
someday, when you're wealthier, you'll understand."*



*"Maybe you'd like to go for a ride sometime. I get forty-two
highway and twenty-five city."*



*“Here’s the express package we promised to get to
you the next morning.”*

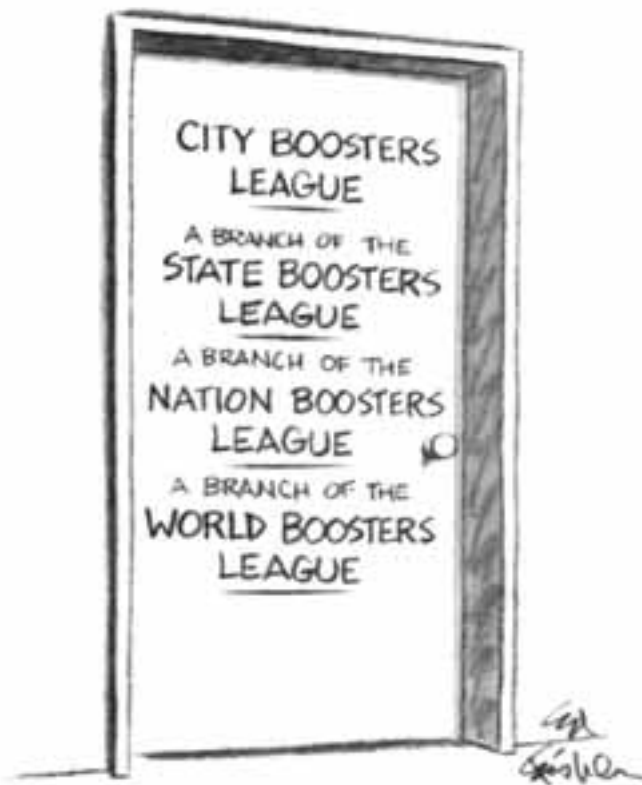


“Now, I’m a reasonable fellow, but it seems to me that in case after case and time after time in these labor disputes the fairer, more enlightened position has always been held by management.”



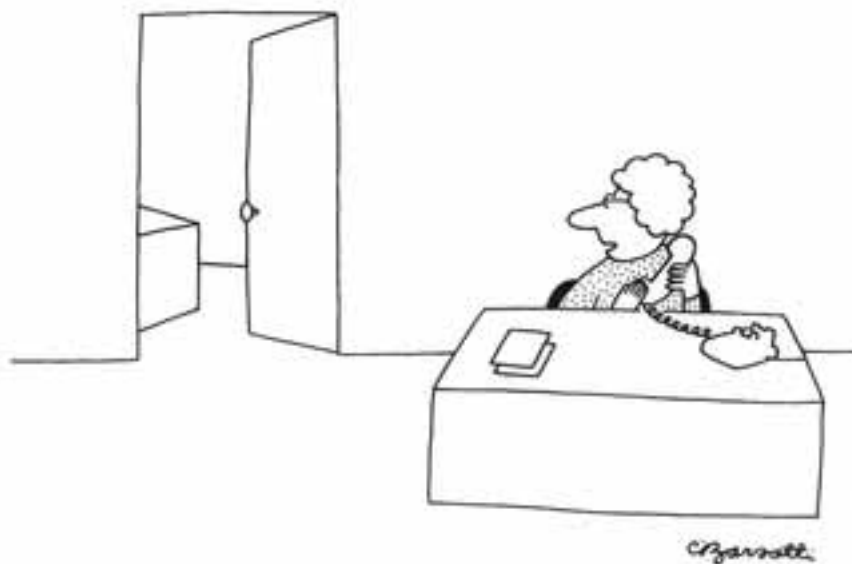
"McGuire, what's with you? Everybody else here seems to have a perfectly clear idea of what 'cost effectiveness' means."







“The woman I dream of probably doesn’t exist. The kind of man you need, however, is mass-produced.”



"He wants to talk to Conan the Barbarian. I presume he means you."



“Do you mind bringing an umbrella? It’s raining cats and dogs out there.”





"Here come the summer people."





"I'm George Prescott. I don't believe I have you in my data base yet."



“Kindly observe this exhibit marked ‘A.’ It is a pair of red suspenders. And now I ask you, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, to ask yourselves: Just why does a fireman wear red suspenders?”





Ambition



*“... the maid was in the garden hanging out her clothes,
along came a blackbird and snipped off her nose!”*







“Miss Roth, send someone in here to roll up our sleeves.”



“When did you and I achieve parity?”



*“The thing I like about you, Jim, is you’re
up front but not overly so.”*





*"And they both lived happily ever after—she in
New York, he in L.A."*



*"Very charming, but you promised this year we'd
ride a raft down the Colorado River."*



"It appears to be Siva, manifesting himself as Lord of Destruction, but why he's in Hartsdale on a Thursday night is beyond me."

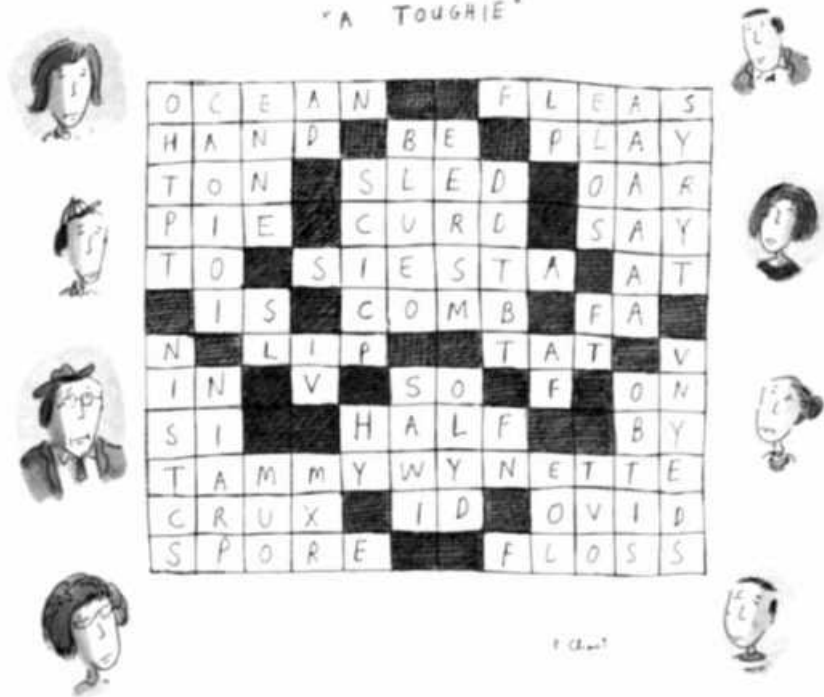


“God bless you, angel! I really need a fifth Martini.”



"I'll introduce you to some people as soon as there's an opening."

ANSWERS TO
LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE
"A TOUGHIE"





"Why do you always presume I'm scowling at you? I'm scowling because I resent being thanked by machines."



"I eat politics and I sleep politics, but I never drink politics."



“Dear Diary: Guess what. It’s summer!!!”



*"When you say 'We're all in this together,' who, exactly,
are your 'we's, and what is your 'this'?"*



"I'm from the M.T.A. Do you feel that the B.M.T. is more comfy than the I.R.T.? How does either of them compare, in your opinion, with a bus? Would you rather be riding a taxi, or even driving your own car?"



News



“‘Stocks drift gently to a lower plateau.’ Why, that’s very poetic, isn’t it?”



*“It’s about scallops and snapper and dill, but I think
what’s different about it is it’s also about sturgeon.”*



"Certainly the military is going to get a bigger slice of the pie, Rosemary, but I'd hardly characterize that as 'more money than we know what to do with.'"



"It turns out Mr. Griffen and I are both in ready-to-wear!"



"What are you obsessed with these days?"





"We picked him up outside Carnegie Hall. He says he was celebrating Stravinsky's one-hundredth birthday."





The Sentimental Favorite





“Will your mother be coming down for dinner tonight?”



“And now, ‘The Best of Carson.’”



*“My darling, I want to share my money worries, my tensions,
and my unhappiness with you for the rest of my life.”*



*“Over the past thirty years, I must have developed
a solid reputation for something.”*



"Maynard is a lapsed Republican."



“Senator, you have been described as lazy, humorless, uninformed, unscrupulous, lacking in compassion, and totally unfit for public office. How would you respond to that?”

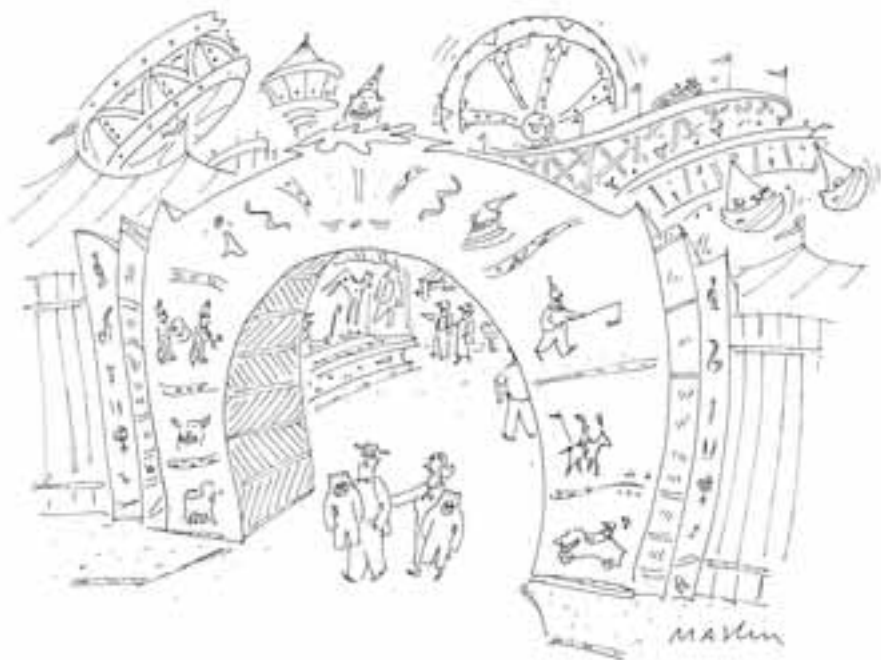


A Dream of Chicken Soup



"You two are perfect for a folie à deux."





“You were sensational.”





“That’s exactly what President Reagan said—only he was smiling.”

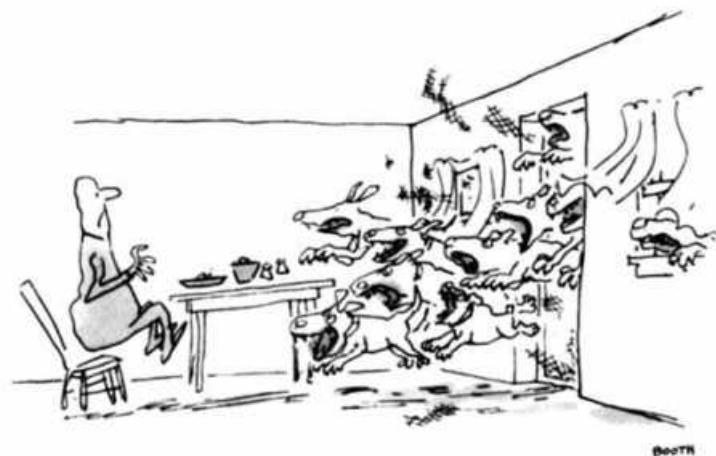




*“Bud used to be an astute observer of the local scene.
Now he just watches.”*



“Frankly, I’m sick and tired of always hearing about what’s wrong with Hell. Once in a while I’d like to hear about what’s right with Hell.”





“Oh, here’s Mortimer, home from work. Gertrude, put ‘Chariots of Fire’ on the record-player.”





*“We seem to have reached agreement on the agenda. Now
let’s move on to the hidden agenda.”*



"Bob Smight. His day. Monday, June 21st. An overview."

COLUMNIST ON VACATION





"Wilson is our idea factory."



"Hi. I'm one of the very few remaining Walters."



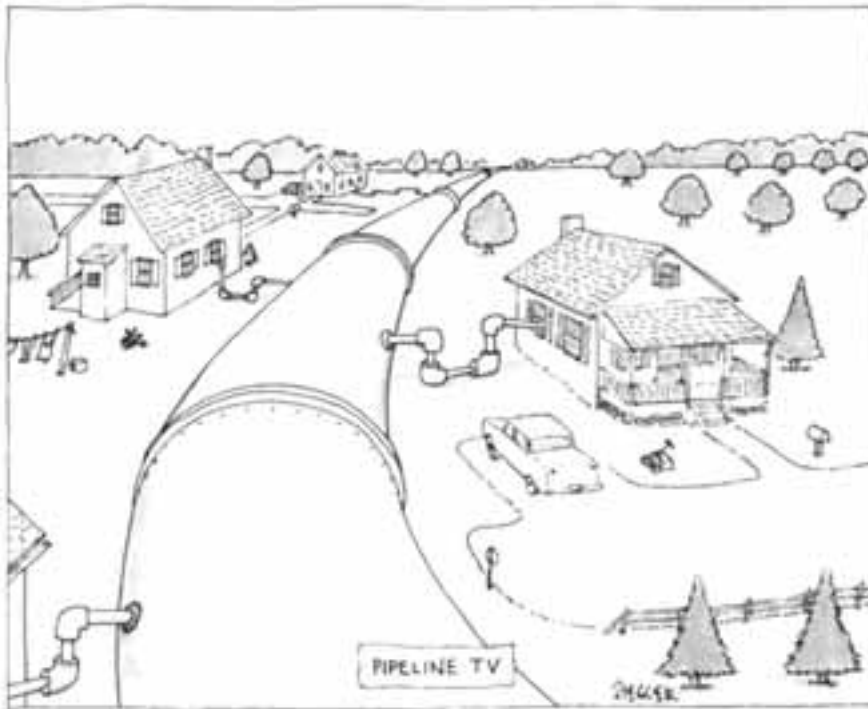
“Well, if we got nothing else, we got great mileage.”

Uneducated Guesses





"Since you ask, this is not the real P.J. McIntyre. The real P.J. McIntyre is much too valuable to be exposed to the risk of riding in trains, walking in the street, and so on. I am his stunt man."





“What happened to our usual Fourth of July band?”



“No question about it, Louise—we’ve been married too long.”



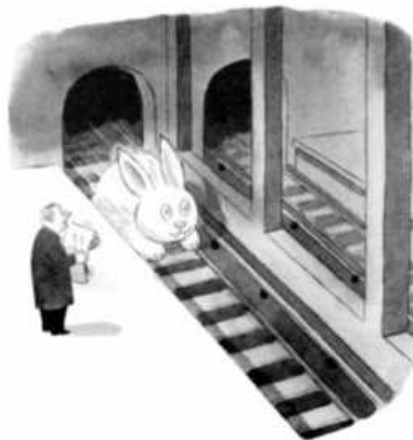


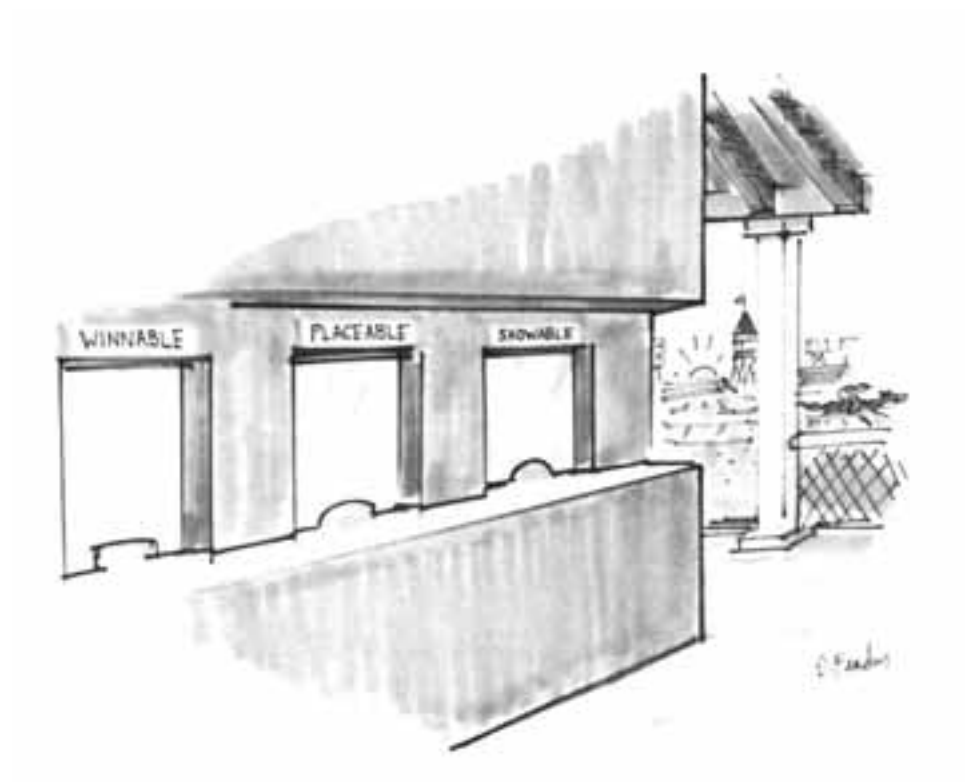


*“Are you about ready to go home? I have given this occasion
all I have to give.”*



“In strictest confidence, there are times when even I cannot tell yin from yang.”







"Herbert refused to bow out gracefully."



"I'm sure Charles Kuralt would have his own transportation."



"I'm going on a holiday, Caruthers. Pack up all my cares and woes."



"Oh, my Lord! Here it comes again."



“Actually, Sid’s a blessing in disguise.”



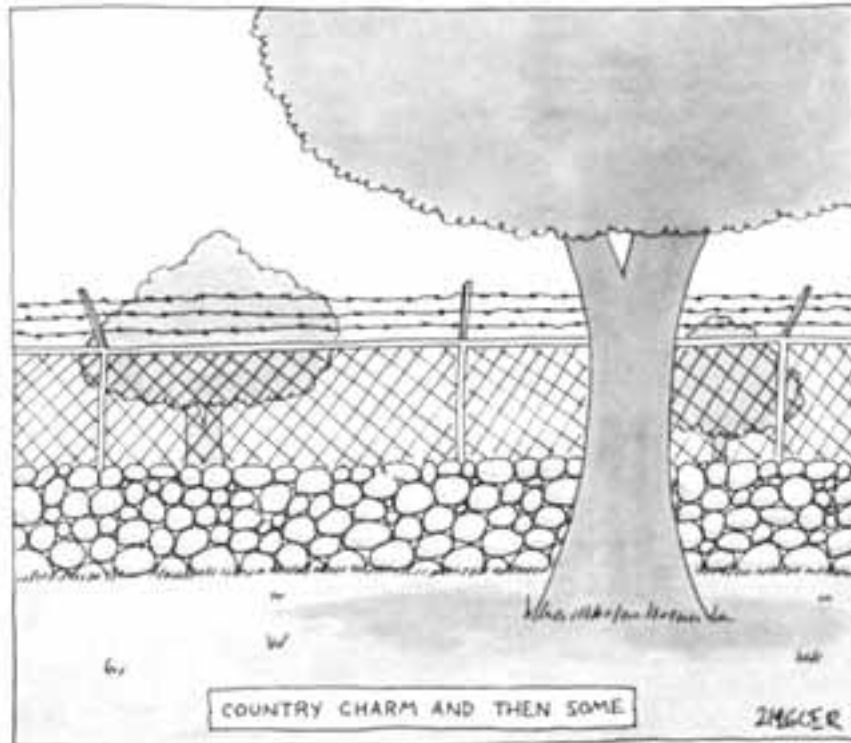
*"I don't want to fight with you, Ma'am. I came
to fight with your husband."*



"What could I expect to, uh, pull down?"



*"So your bark is worse than your bite. You are not alone.
That applies to me, and it applies to most of us."*





“Monarchy, while perhaps not necessarily the best form of government in principle, has always seemed the best form of government for me.”





*“If you think Ed’s dull on economics, wait till he
gets to foreign policy.”*



"It never hurts to have those guys on your side."



“And you, Al, what would you do if you had only a million?”



"Does anyone mind if I smoke?"

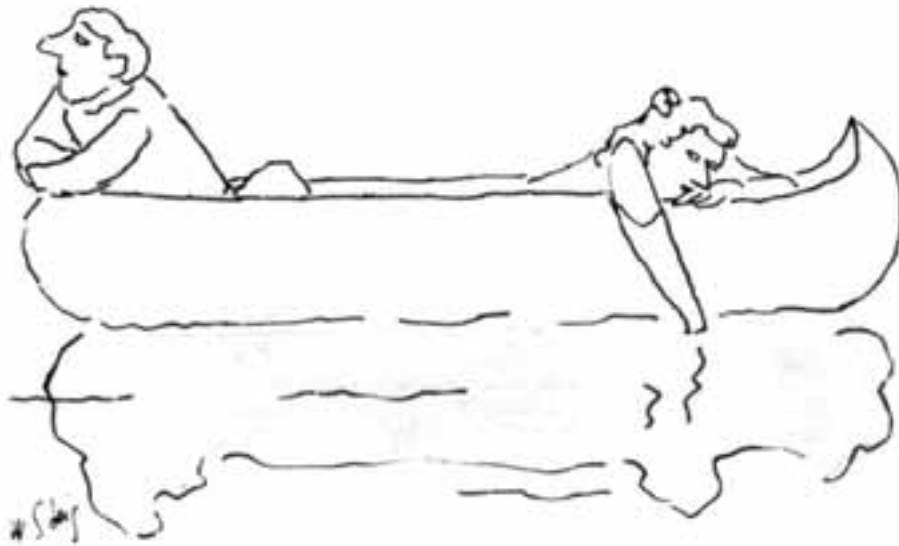


"Here's a recap of today's weather. The sun rose this morning, right on time, worked its way steadily across a cloudless sky, and was observed directly overhead at noon. It continued travelling westward throughout the day, and by late afternoon was sinking rapidly toward the horizon."



Eldon Dedini (7/12/1982)

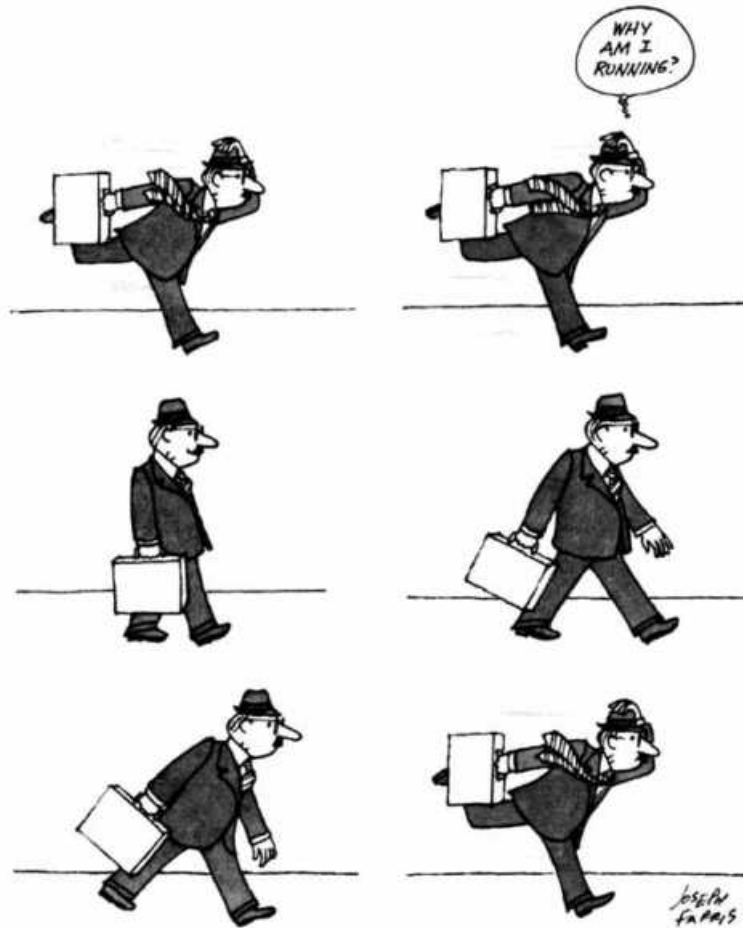
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Wornout Love Affair



*"I'm sorry, but I'm afraid Mr. Tetlow feels he
couldn't live with '114 Pussy Willow Lane'
on his personal stationery."*







*"I want you to meet the Clayburns.
The Clayburns are Edgartown."*



“I, for one, have had it with arugala.”







"It's Dostoevski. It's Melville. It's Flaubert. But it doesn't dance."



"I'm from Boston. We're beginning to put celery stalks in Bloody Marys there, too."

BOB ASHCROFT'S HEIGHTENED AWARENESS THEN & NOW

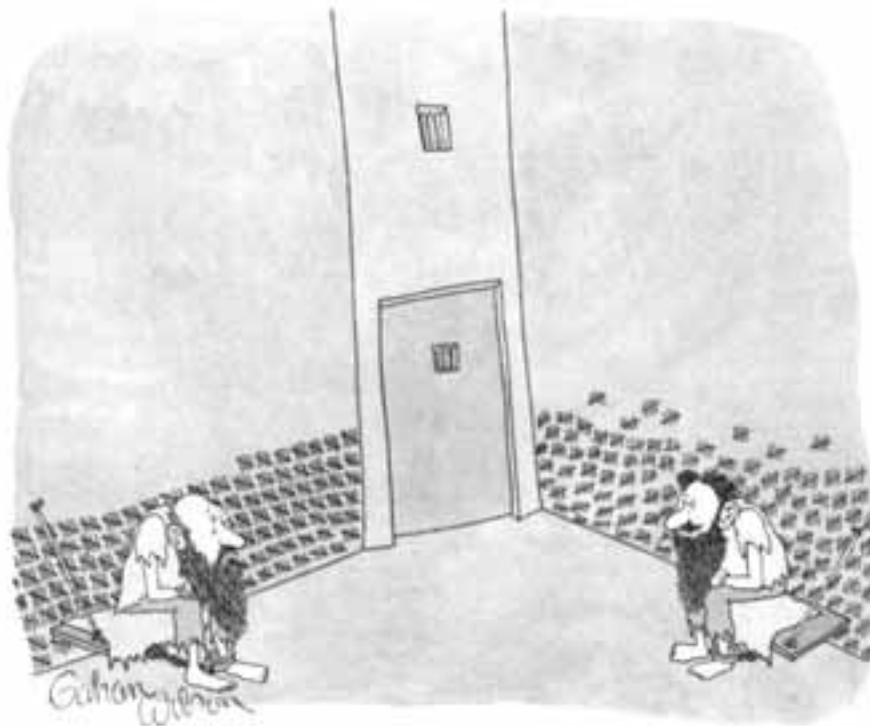


OTHER U.S.S.R.s





“Please, Jarvis. This is supposed to be a great fun place.”



"It's interesting, you know? You're left-handed and I'm right-handed, and so you make the little cross strokes slant down to the right, whereas I make them slant down to the left."



“Mr. Rutherford. Party of one.”



"So long, Mr. Schwartz. I'm leaving. Nowadays, software's where it's at."

FAIRY TALES (I OF 4)



The Frog Prince calls on the Princess.

FAIRY TALES (2 OF 4)



The Beast proposes to Beauty.

FAIRY TALES (3 OF 4)



The Witch greets Hansel and Gretel.

FAIRY TALES (4 OF 4)



The Queen “guesses” Rumpelstiltskin’s name.



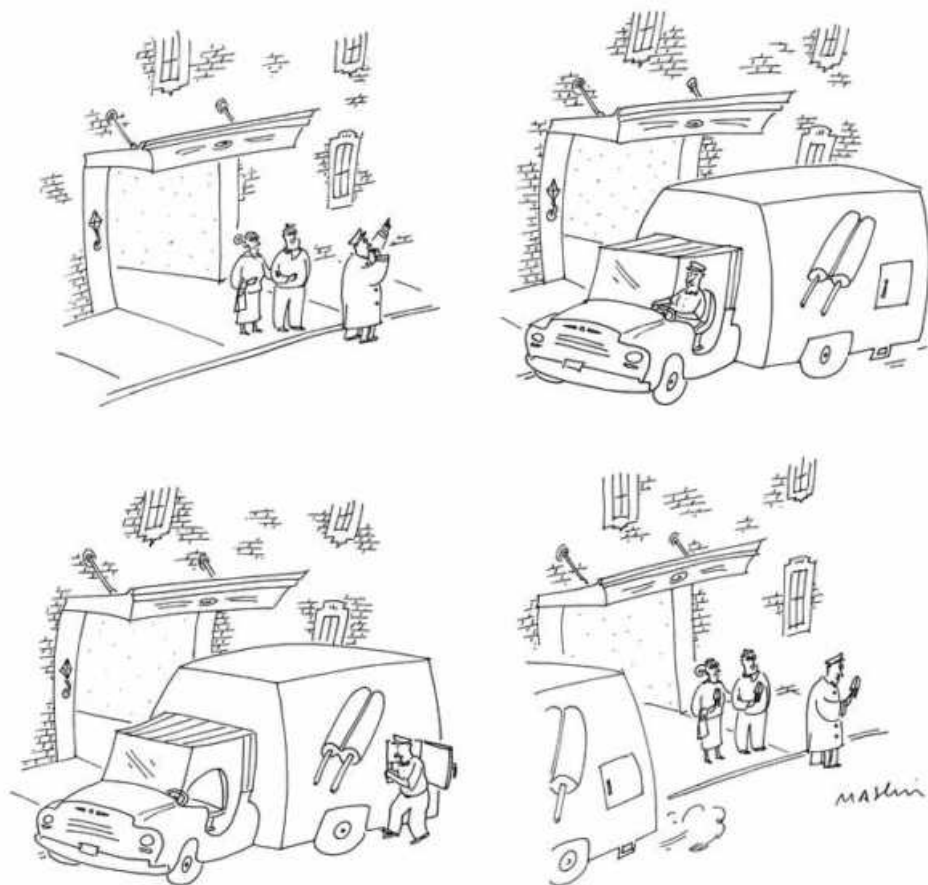
“Don’t forget, everybody. Tomorrow is Mom’s birthday.”

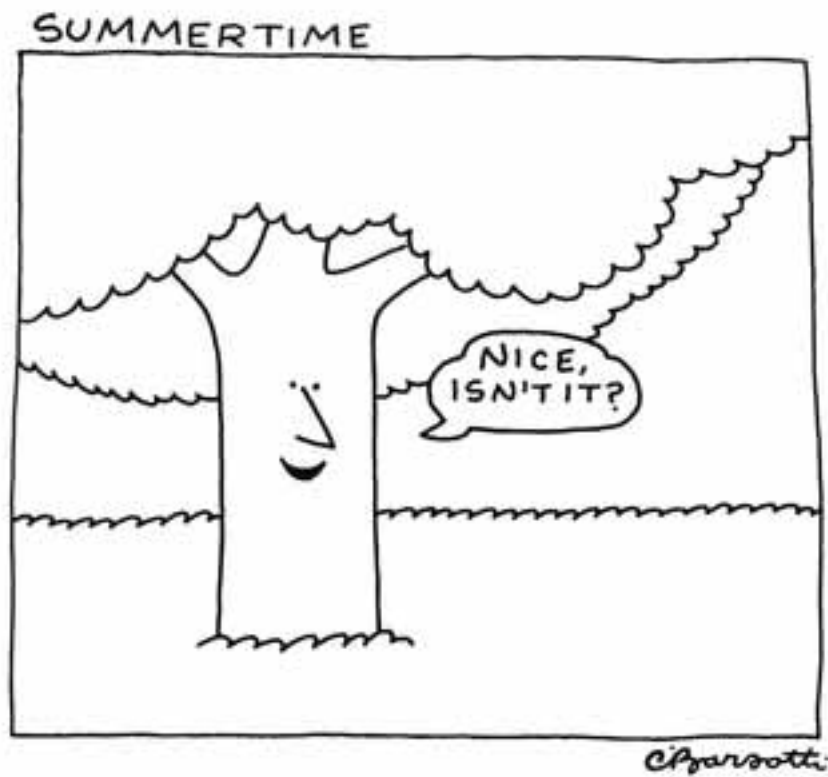


"I apologize for that last remark, Edwina. I didn't mean to get cute."



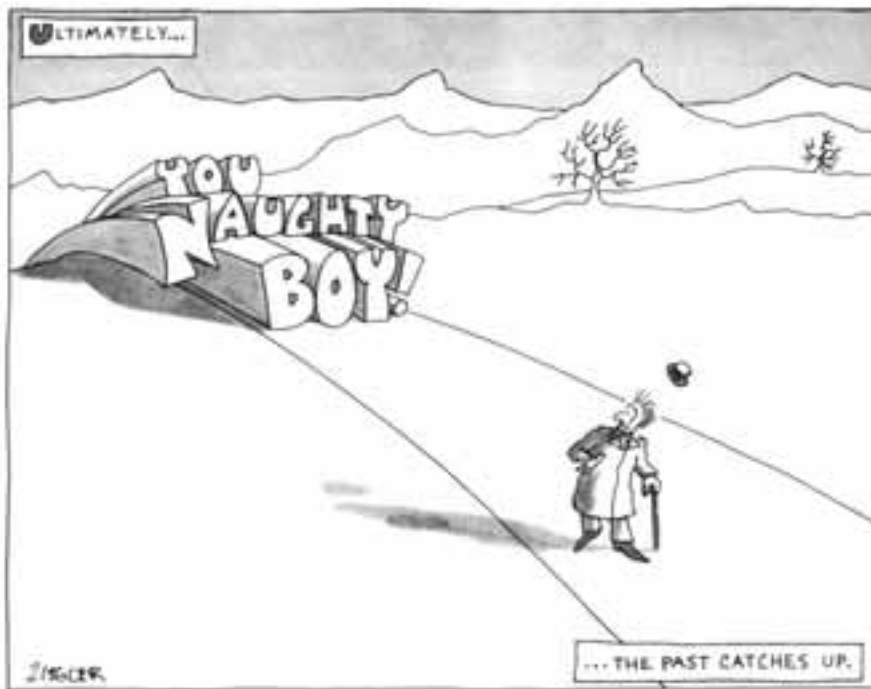
*"We're for calling it 'Hampton,' but they want
to call it 'the Hamptons.'"*







“These are the Murchinsons. They’re on standby.”





"You certainly have a way with grilled cheese."



“Nineteen cricket trills in fifteen seconds. Add forty. The temperature is approximately fifty-nine degrees Fahrenheit.”



“Just something for the beach—but I did major in English.”





"We are drunk."



“Heard any good boardroom gibes lately?”



*“Well, here I sit, surrounded by my memorabilia, and
I can’t remember having done a damn thing.”*



"I don't call this being taken out to dinner."



*"Here's to you and me and the little thing we've had
going here for forty-three years."*



NEARLY 60,000 WORKING PARTS

Zanengo



*“You’ve got an irate client on 3, an impatient supplier on 1,
an anxious child on 5, and an angry wife on 2.”*





"I say you can't beat summertime in the Big Apple!"



"You should try race walking. It's better for you than running. It's good for your cardiovascular system, and at the end of fifteen minutes your glands excrete a juice that will make you happy."



*"Please go away, dear. I know we had some good years,
but I'm married to Number Two now."*



“Ah, ‘The Laughing Cavalier,’ after Frans Hals.”

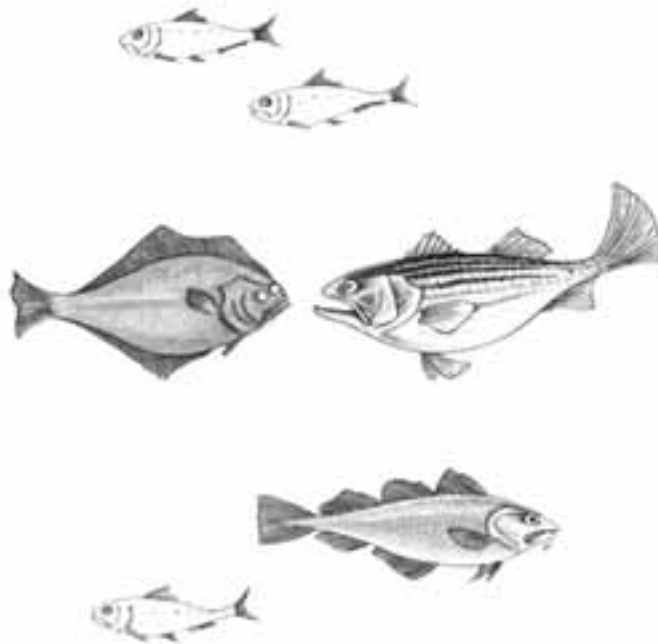


“Well, then, don’t look down.”



*"The salary isn't high, but the position, figuratively speaking,
carries Cabinet rank."*





J.B. Handelsman

*“For centuries, man has fished these waters—apparently
with no conception of our cumulative anger.”*



*“Say, aren’t these the same characters that Saul Bellow
used in his last novel?”*



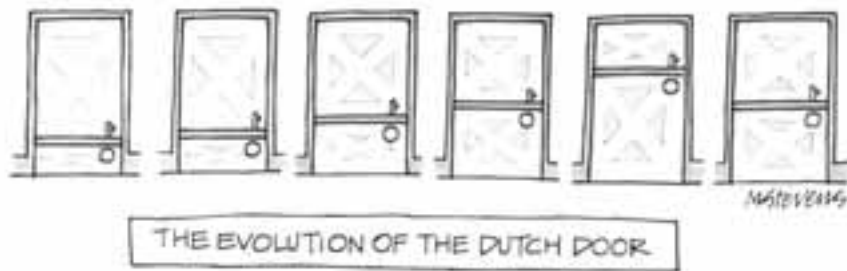
"Does this have a bunch of goddam special effects?"





The Telephone Rings at Night





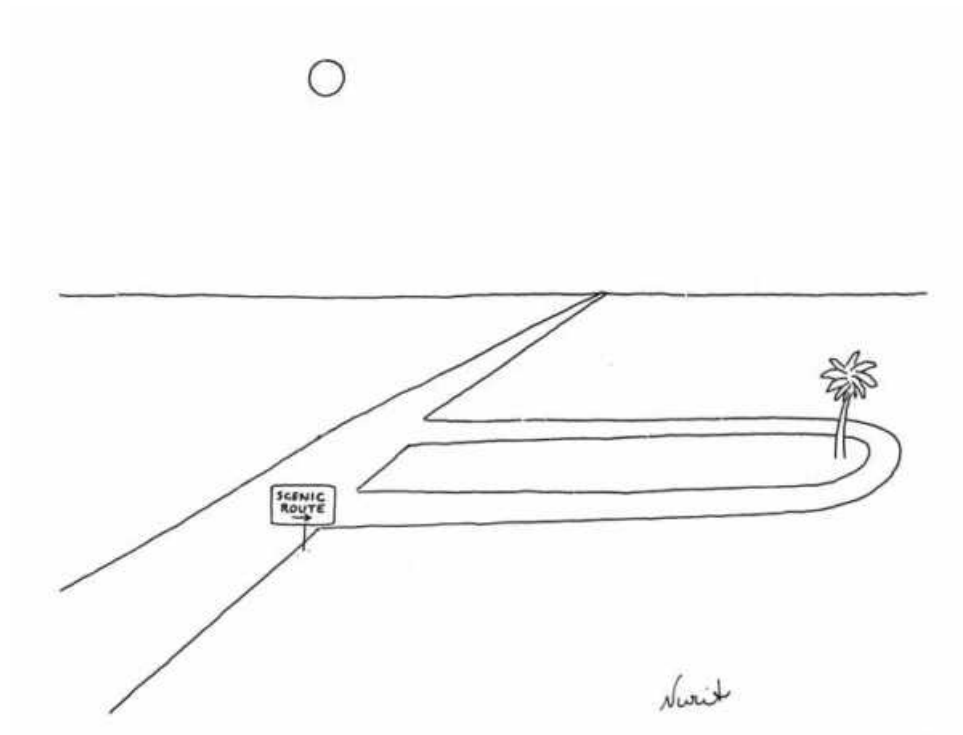


"Miss Watson, what the hell is falafel?"





“Gutsy lady, meet another gutsy lady!”





*Willard J. Westfield, Chairman of the Board, Moving Right Along
During a Power Failure on the Hottest Day of the Year*





“If you don’t mind my saying so, Captain, I love your graphics.”

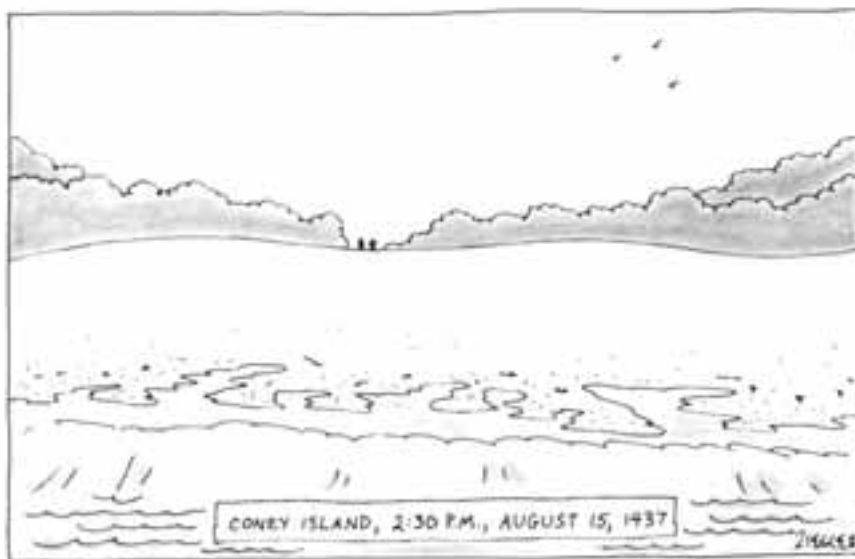




A Lover and His Lass



“Hastings has sent President Reagan notice that he has personally withdrawn from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.”





"The game's gotten too damn big-business, if you ask me."



"They're a husband-and-wife team of party-killers."



"Let's try one more star."

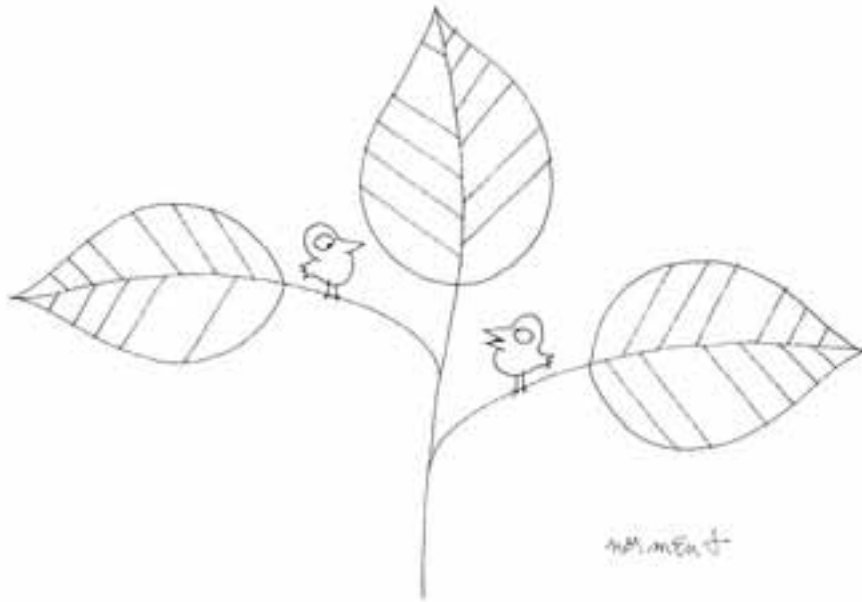


*“Our twenty-fifth anniversary and he comes up with
two tickets to a demolition derby.”*





"I'll get the door while you put on your company manners."



"I sing of the forest primeval."



*"We have a line of thunderstorms extending from the Great Lakes
to Seventy-seventh Street and York Avenue."*



"The bagels are stuck to the ice cubes."



*“Do you know what our basic problem is? We are pub crawlers
in a one-pub town.”*





“Neil is truly a gourmet cook, but lately he’s burned so many things his confidence is broken.”



"I also sit on the boards of Consolidated Borium, the Holmslin Corporation, and the Stuart State Bank of Oswego."

FAIRY TALES (1 OF 4)



Jack sells the cow for a few beans.

FAIRY TALES (2 OF 4)



Cinderella sees her stepsisters going off to the ball.

FAIRY TALES (3 OF 4)



The Wolf hides himself under the bedclothes.

FAIRY TALES (4 OF 4)



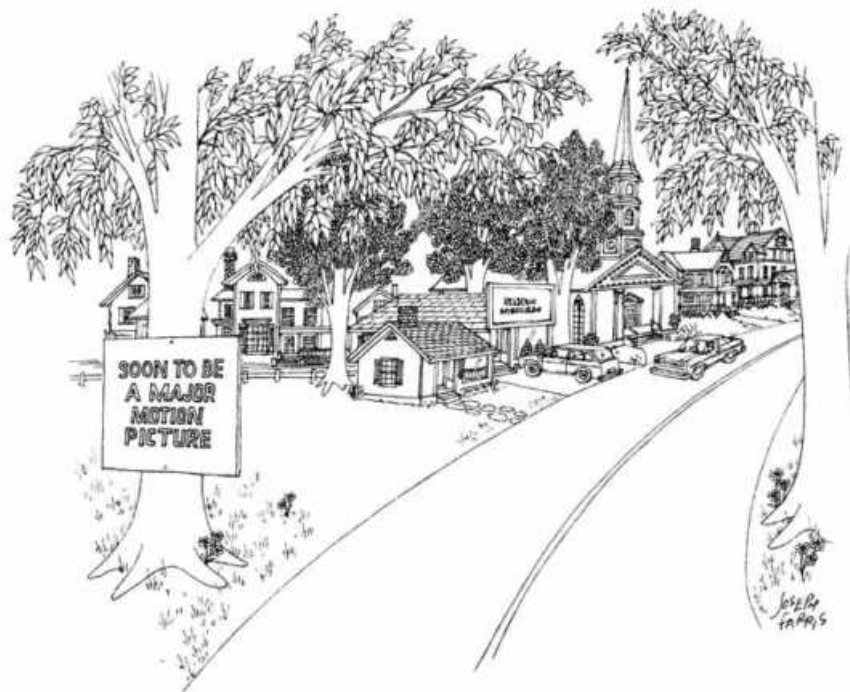
The Prince falls on his knees before Sleeping Beauty.



“The Office of Management and Budget. Good morning.”



"This is my slender volume of poems."





"Shape up by Monday or you're out on your ear."



“Hey, why don’t we start a club club?”



"This is the dream I dreamed all winter."



"Boom-boom. You're home."



"Don't ask me. I just put up what they send me."





“We have different vacation goals. I’ve decided that I shall definitely try not to learn something about myself.”





"And a hell of a broadcast day it was!"

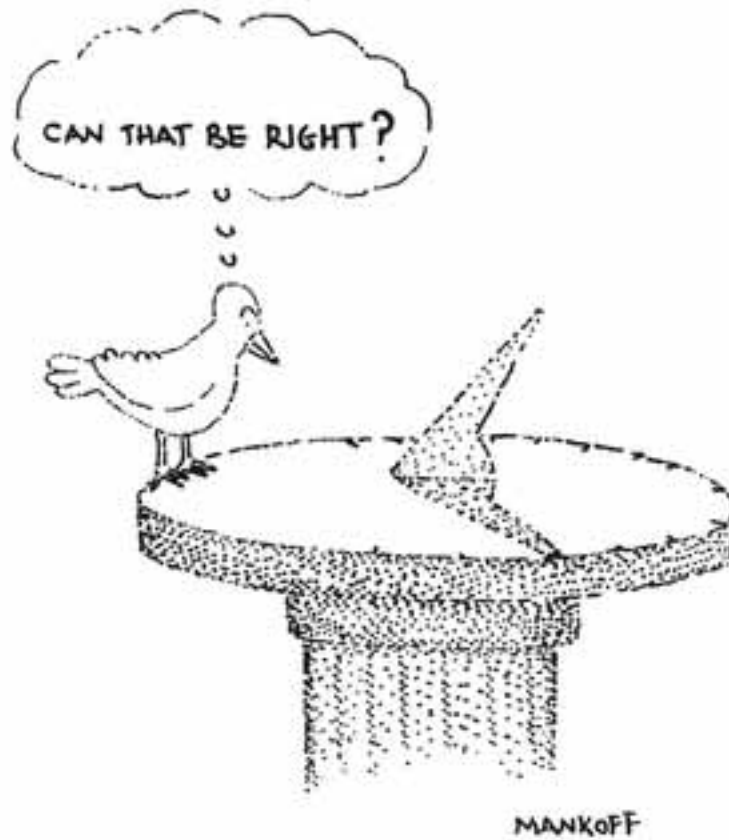


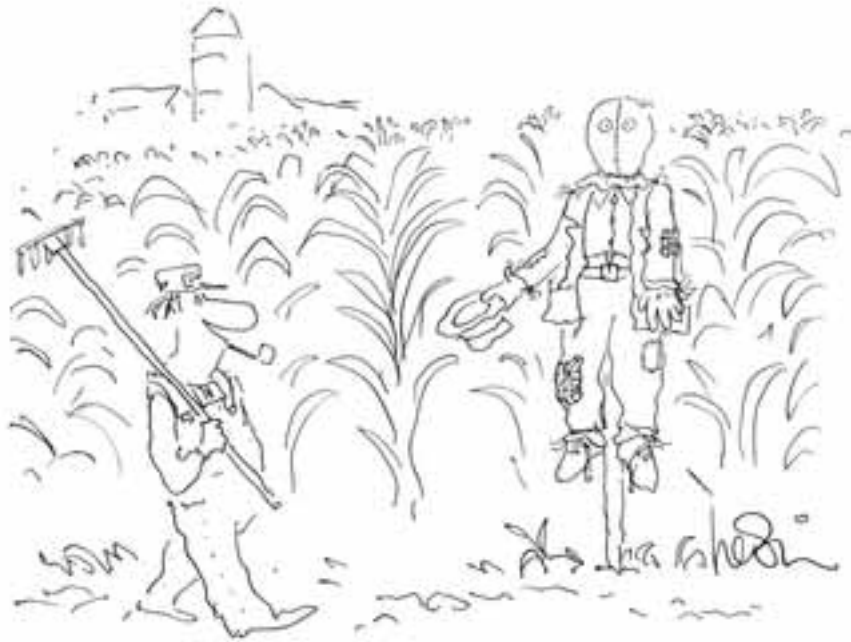


“Mr. Pudney says Irma can soak that old chair he found, reshape it, weave in some new wicker, replace the seat, paint it, and—bingo! She’ll have herself a hundred-and-fifty-dollar chair!”











*“One of the reasons I married Buffleton was that
he was always chasing rainbows.”*



"I don't care if he is a baseball immortal. He should wear a robe and carry a harp like the rest of us."



*“If you don’t quit lugging that rock around, one of these days
you’re going to throw it at somebody.”*



“This is impossible. Let’s take the next boat.”





“And now, Toby Winslow with today’s atmospherics.”



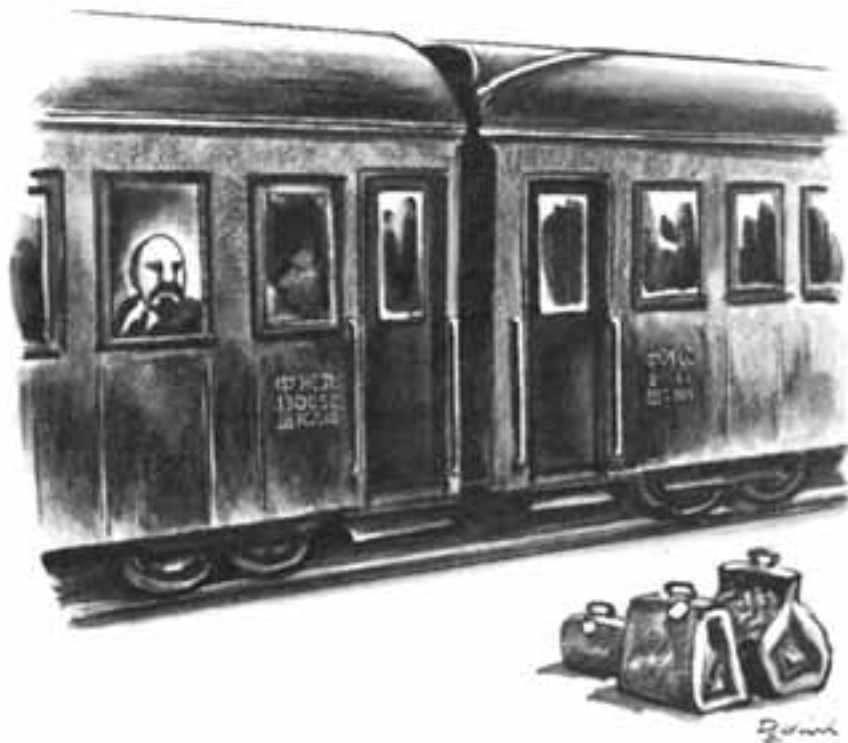
*"I am sorry, my Colonel, but the men do
not know 'Heartbreak Hotel.'"*



Waiting Room



*“Better watch what you say. He always
carries a pad and pencil.”*



*Lenin, Anticipating His Arrival at Finland Station,
Sees His Baggage Taken Off at Beloostrov*



"Your job would be to be my bodyguard and all-around good company."



“At great personal risk, I’d like to compliment you on your perfume.”



*“Why, Martin, I’m not bored in the least. I’ve had a
lovely evening with you and your conscience.”*



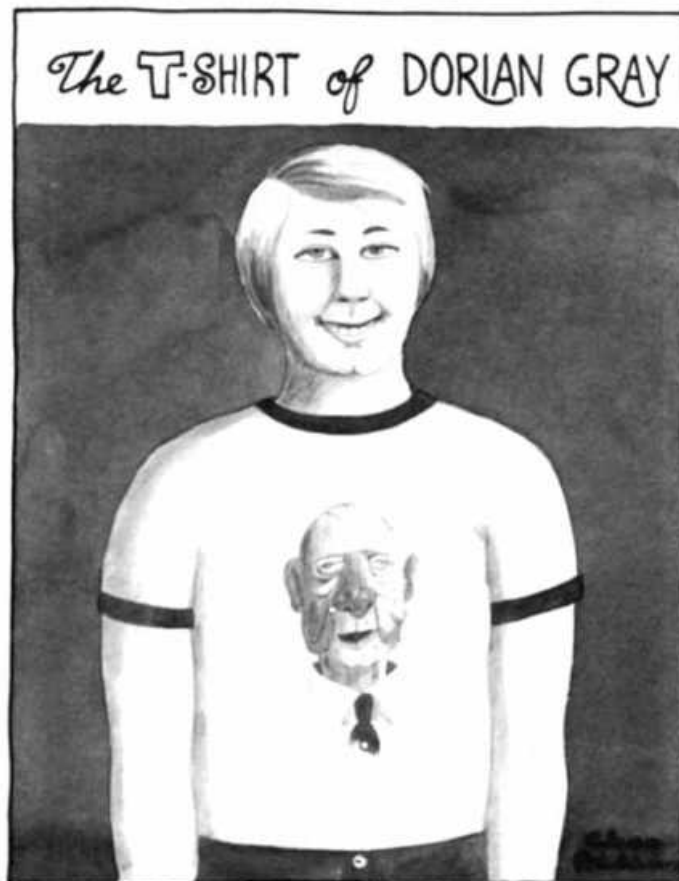
"The bugs got your little drop-leaf table."







*“That’s just our design-team image.
Our actual design team is over here.”*





“Let me preface today’s sermon with a few stats from the Bible.”



"The way I see it, Wendy, you only go around once."



Big Businessman

FAVORITE WATER DRINKS

H₂O Punch

2 c. tap water
2 c. well water
1 c. bottled spring water
1 c. distilled water

Place ingredients in blender. Mix well.

Serves 6-8.



Water Spritzer

Pour 2 oz of distilled or
bottled spring water in a glass
over ice. Fill with club soda.



Alaska

Place 1 qt. water* in
refrigerator for 2-4 hours.
Serve immediately.

Makes 4 portions.



* any kind

Make Mine Water

1 c. tap water
Decorate with tiny umbrella.
Serves 1.





*"His name is Henry Kaufman and God knows he's gloomy,
but he's not the gloomy Henry Kaufman."*



“To start with, gentlemen, I just want to say that if at times I strike you as being strange or weird or something, or whatever, it’s because I’m probably the first member of this board to grow up with television.”



*“Sunset will be at seven-forty-five, if anybody
plans to ride off into it.”*



“About your mother’s stiff neck. Tell her I cried ‘Alas!’”



“Surf’s up.”



*"You certainly are composed, for someone who just
lost his entire garden to rabbits."*



*"I'm Lew Lehrman! Lew Lehrman for governor!
A leader to make New York safe again! I'm Lew
Lehrman! Lew Lehrman listens!"*



"I won't eat anything but natural foods, like meat and potatoes."



*“I honestly don’t think it would work out. You’re Nantucket,
I’m Martha’s Vineyard.”*



“And how is Spaceship Earth this morning?”





“Don’t you think ‘Workers of the world, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains’ will send the wrong signal to the financial community?”



“The truly amazing thing about our new and improved product is that it’s seventy-three per cent more effective than our previous product, which, in turn, was eighty-five per cent more effective than our original product, which, it must be admitted, wasn’t really effective at all.”



"You make a great cup of coffee, H.B."



"I'd like to humanize you."



The Farmer's Wife



“Yeah, I feel like eating out, too. Where’ll it be? The Ginger Root, The Asparagus Spear, The Pea Pod, The Celery Stalk, The Broccoli Flower, The Basil Leaf, or The Pepper Corn?”



*"Heaven only knows how you construct
these super parties, Frieda. It must take
a lot out of you."*

1982





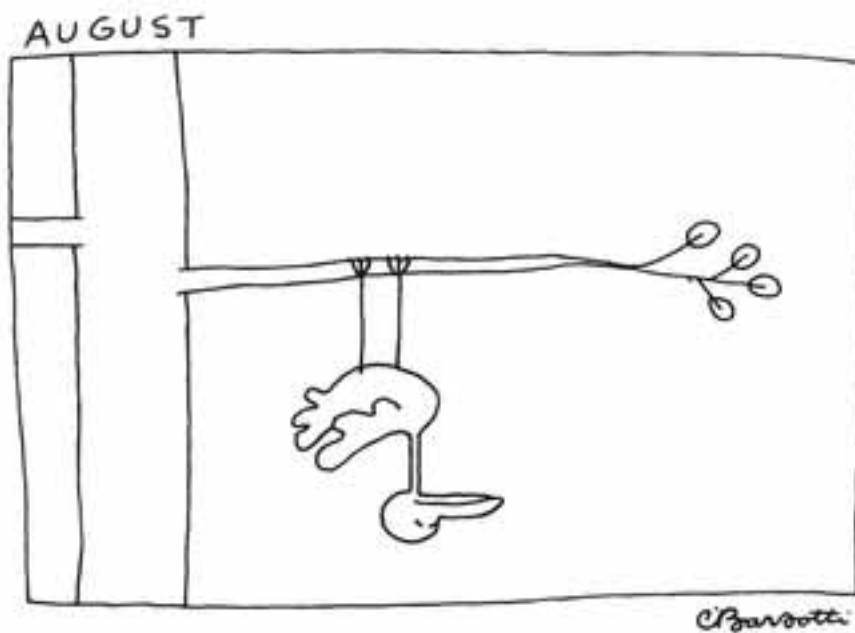
"So far, it's nice."



"Are you, as usual, cloaked in military secrecy?"



"Now, see here, Dr. Smalley! I smell fudge again!"





*"In a nutshell, Mr. Gormley, the old infrastructure
ain't what it used to be."*



The Millmank Family's Annual March to the Sea





"Sweetie, am I coming across as genuine?"



“If you wish to open an account, sir, by all means do so, and let those of us in management concern ourselves with whether or not this institution might—as you put it—‘fold.’”



1982



*“Here are Fred and Bernice. They’ve just returned from
a sojourn in the wine country.”*



*"I know that look. It's about time for Felice to say
'There's a touch of fall in the air.'"*



"No, I would not feel differently about it if I went out and had a few beers with you."



Summer Romance



*"Spencer simply can't wait to get into the pool
after a hot day in the city."*







Secretary of Comedy Meeting with Other Cabinet Members



*“Howard’s basically a single-issue person. But it’s
never the same issue.”*



*“Somebody named Lenny just called. You left
your attaché case on the bus.”*





“Damn it, Turner, you were supposed to orchestrate public opinion!”



“Another week, Walt, and we’ll have our town back again.”



*"And now, before coffee and dessert, I'd like to read
a brief report on our first hundred days."*



“My wife and I are deeply in love, my children are a delight, my career is exciting, I find solace and inspiration in my religion, I’m as healthy as anybody I know. But, still, something is missing.”



*"I dressed him, I fed him, I got him as far as the door.
I've completely run out of ideas."*



“Oh dear. Here comes Mr. Nostalgia.”



"I'm lucky. I get paid for doing what I love."

LOSS LEADERS







"I wonder whether Sonny Bono is having a good time tonight."



“My husband’s tax man says ‘Try to make all your travels seem like business trips.’”





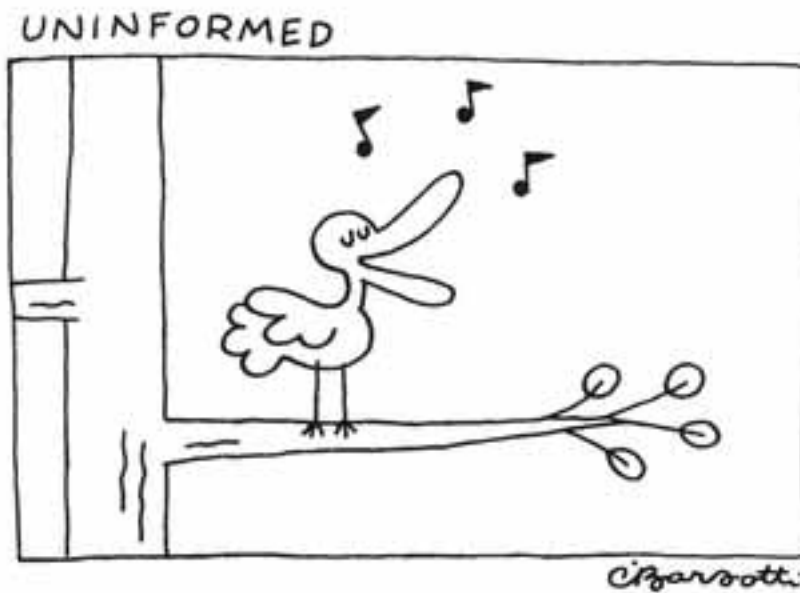
"The blue countries are our staunch allies, the green ones are less staunch, and the yellow are not staunch at all."



"Aerobic dancing could prolong our lives up to seven years."



"Ah, God—if only it were that easy!"





*"You said that under the Reagan Administration
you'd be a different person."*



"Your Honor, I request that the witness answer the questions a little faster. I'm paying my lawyer a hundred and sixty dollars an hour!"



"I think Mr. Muskingham is on the mend. He sat bolt upright today and said, 'Bring on the hot hors d'oeuvres.'"



“‘Unbreakable,’ Madam, is merely a figure of speech.”



"Your usual evening belt, sir?"





"I suppose everyone has his flash point."



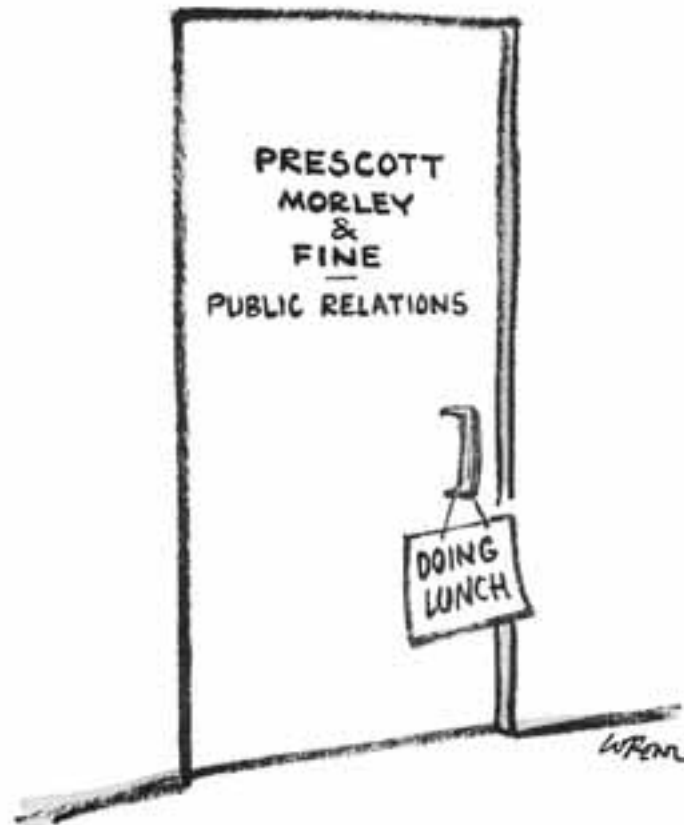
Insomnia

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*“Too bad about old Ainsworth. Published and published,
but perished all the same.”*

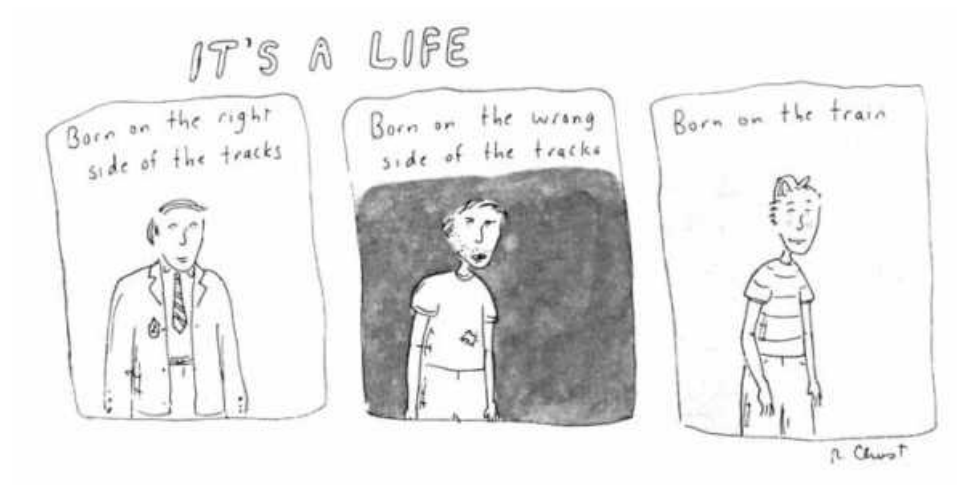




“The classic look. Broken herringbone in a heathery olive Harris tweed, hand-loomed in the Hebrides. And he carries it well.”



"You'd love this. It's about a man whom women revere."







"On the other hand, Rachel and I thought it was great fun."



“So you’re a part of our constantly expanding military complex.”



*“Captain’s compliments, sir. The bluefish are running
off Nantucket. Shall we give chase?”*



“Not guilty by reason of genetic determinism, Your Honor.”



"I guess I'm fortunate. All of my marriages have been happy."



Brothers



“Gentlemen, I want you to meet Chuck Black, whom I am bringing in to be a third-down specialist, as it were.”

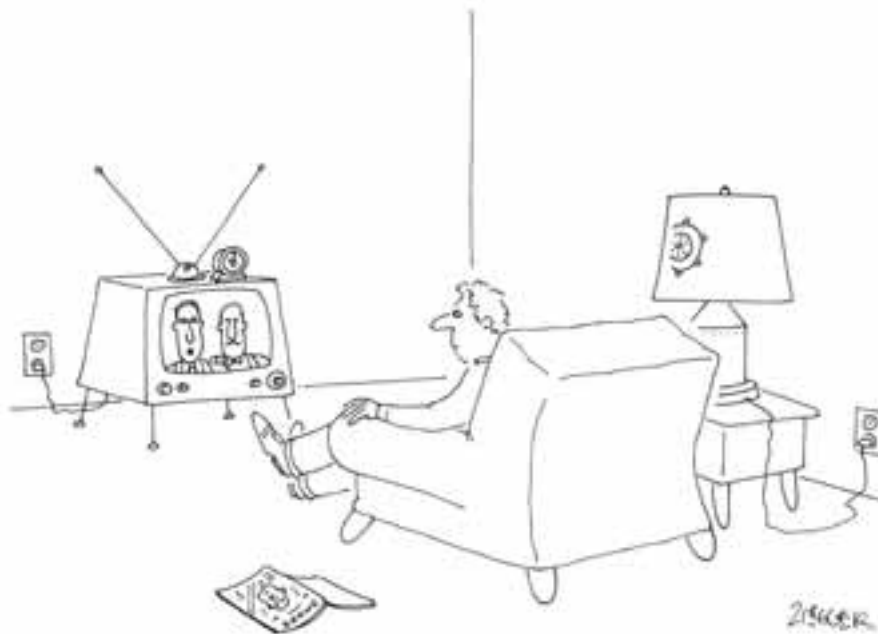


"I can't tell you what I do. Too painful."



“Marjorie! I totally reject such a scenario!”





"Thank you for watching tonight's program. And now here is Dr. Kenneth Roche, of Harvard University, who will deprogram you."



*"Before we head south, what do you say we
drop in on the Hamptons?"*



"I'll level with you. Anger is bringing smaller and smaller advances."



"Well, I survived another vote of confidence."



"We're just family."







"Thank the Lord! East Thirty-fourth Street again!"



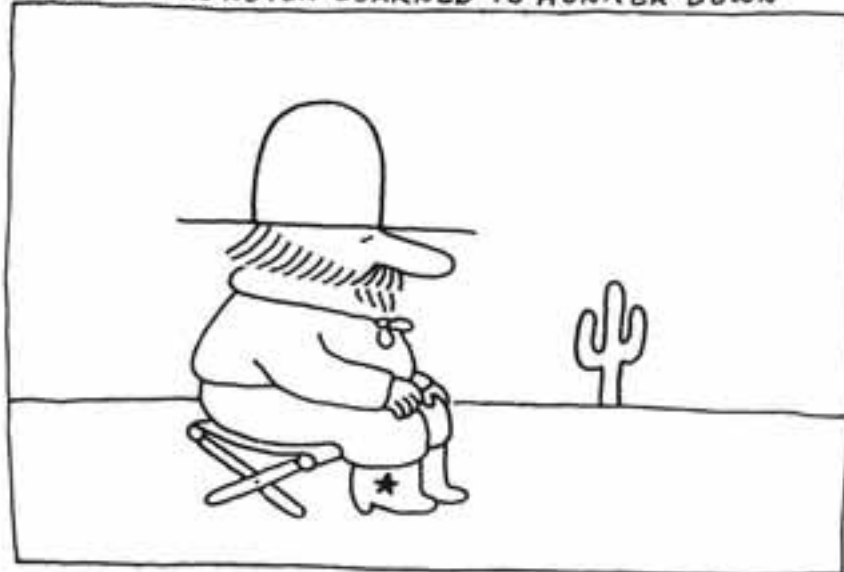


"What is it, Roger? You seem lost in thought."



"At the moment, there's \$413,874,691.03 in the kitty."

COWBOY WHO NEVER LEARNED TO HUNKER DOWN



Charles Barsotti



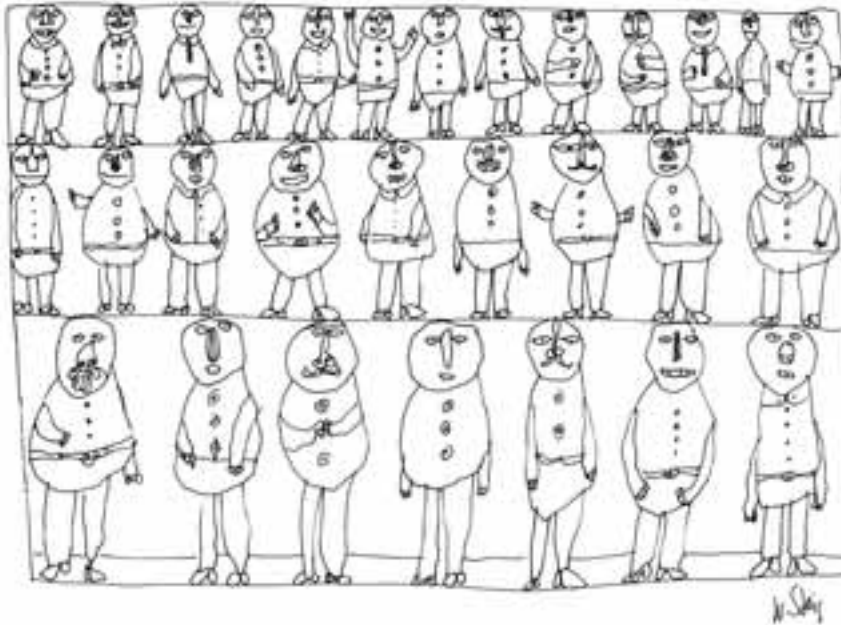


"Whoever said 'Men are the best cooks' was full of baloney."



followed, of course, by...





Demographic Study



*“Little does Marsha realize that as she penetrates my defenses
she brings herself closer and closer to a raging bull!”*





“He ‘stood by’ while they were having technical difficulties on Channel 2, but when they were fixed he just couldn’t seem to snap out of it.”



*“First and foremost, of course, it’s our hedge
against inflation.”*



"Things in the fight game are fine. How are things in the business game?"



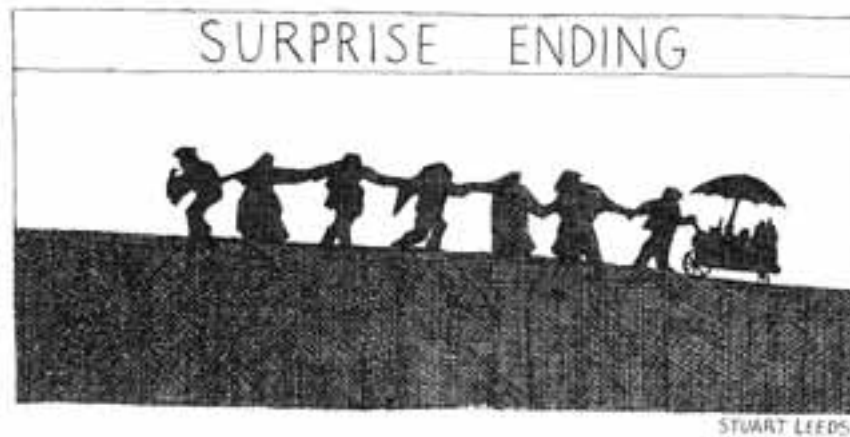
"I, too, was alarmed when he took over, but I think events will inevitably push him back into the political mainstream."



“Look, lady, if it’s trendy you want, Bloomie’s is at Fifty-ninth and Lex.”



"You'll love it! Sunshine, good food, dancing, and a chance to observe the Caribbean Basin Initiative at first hand."





*"Louise, there's a gentleman here who says
that you and he were in love in 1962
but you drifted apart and now he's come
back in the hope that we might order a
set of encyclopedias."*

1982



"I think in English and dream in English. However, I still conceptualize in Russian."



"I've spent this past year working on myself."





"Mommy will see you later. Mommy has to go to law school now."



"No matter how hard I hit him, he never resonates."



Early Arrivals at the Shindig



"Ah! The fall experience!"





"Sir, I wish to warn you of a boat-tailed grackle in this vicinity who is passing around unsubstantiated information."

1982







"Fellow debtors!"



"Much better!"



"I'd like to tell you about our specials this evening."

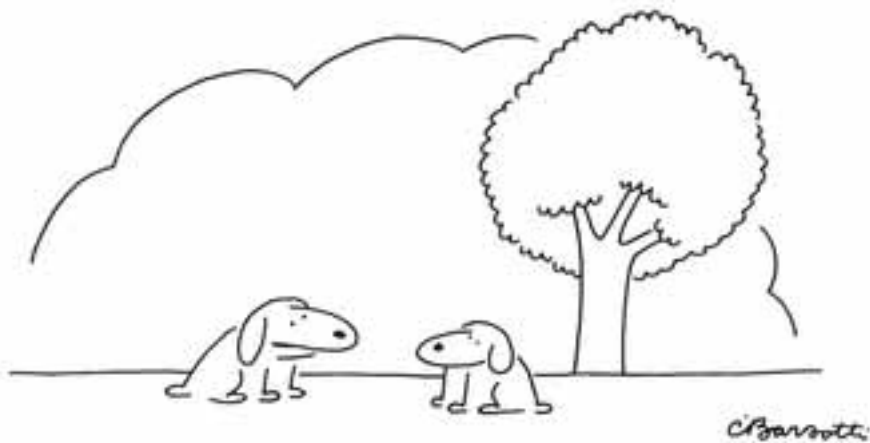


“But of course! We always cry during the second act of ‘Tristan.’”





*"Each employee can have one plant or one poster.
But they can't have both."*



"Oh, I would bite, but only if the cause were just."





"You've got my vote, sir. But I'm poor, and poor people are notorious for not registering and voting."



*“The setting is an attractive apartment in Manhattan. It is dusk.
Mr. and Mrs. Bartalow are seated center stage. Now what happens?”*



*"I can tell you this, Mr. Brandt—your penmanship
is a pleasure to read!"*



*"These are only suggestions. The final decision,
of course, will be yours."*



“Please, Doris, let’s talk!”





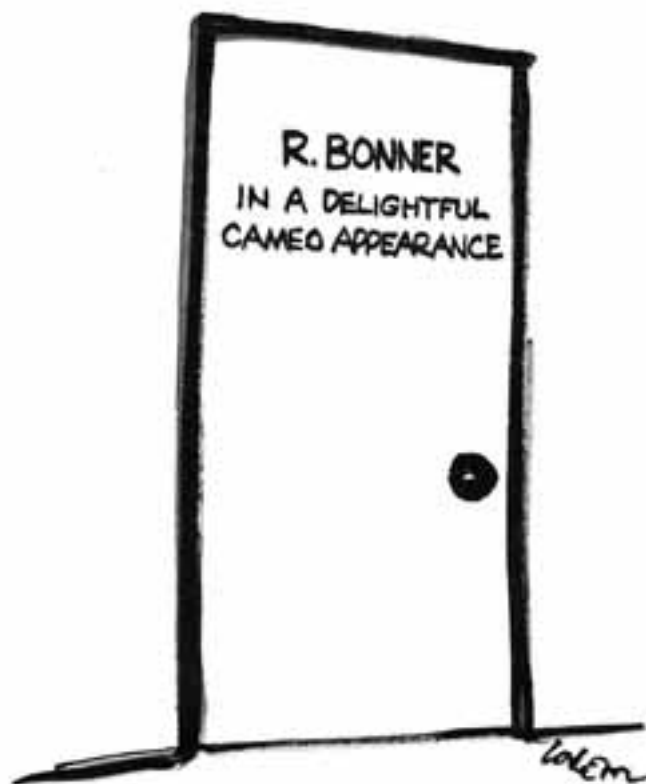
“To facilitate the negotiations, all participants have agreed to refrain absolutely from any further disclosure of what may be taking place on the other side of the conference-room door.”





*"I don't deny it, Wendy. There has been some
slippage in my love for you."*







"I'd like you to meet Albert Dunlop, who admires and is influenced by the writing of Philip McQuire, and Philip McQuire, who admires and is influenced by the writing of Albert Dunlop."



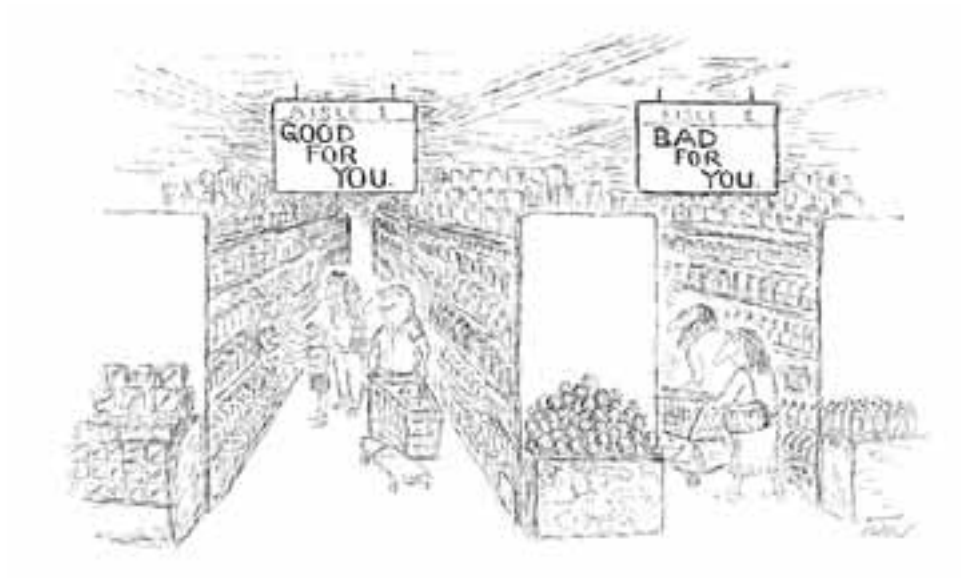
*"We like this picture very much. We don't
know why. We just do."*

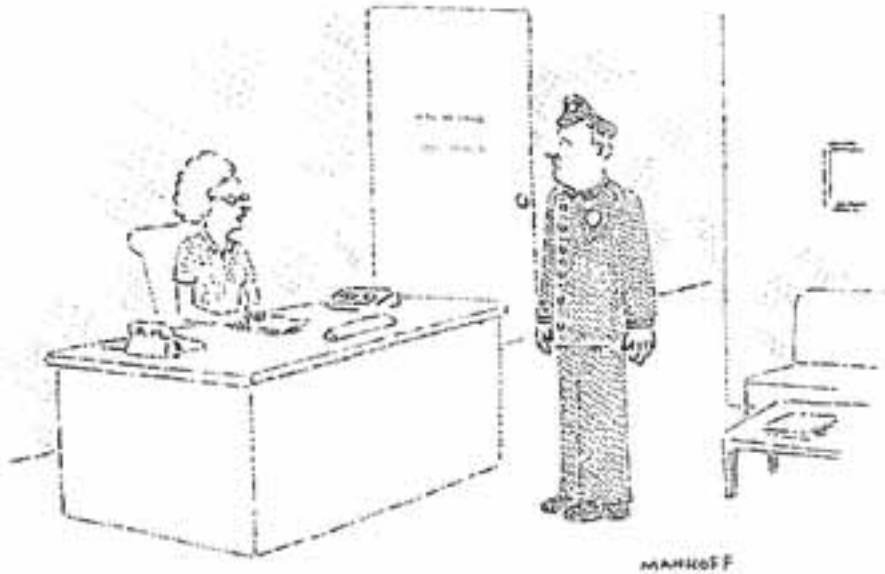


"Ah—the quintessential you."



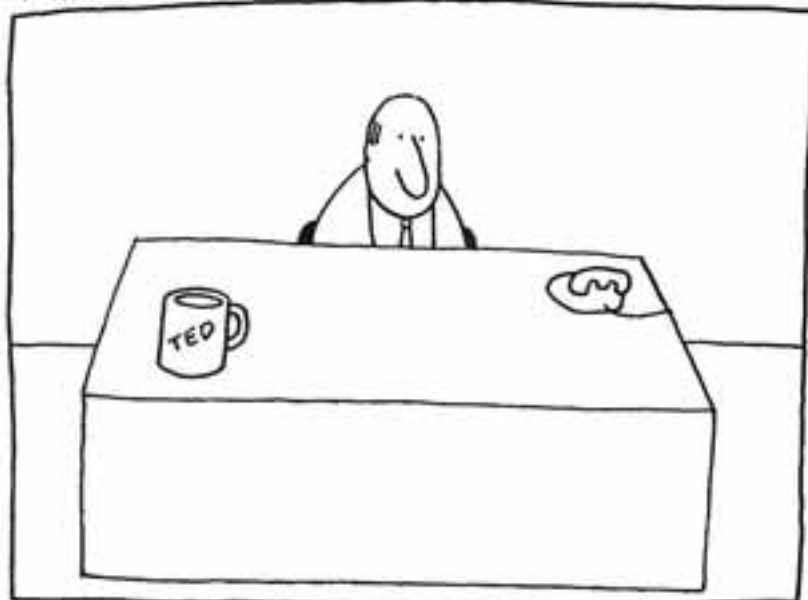
*“(A) the Shakers didn’t work from kits, and
(B) they were religiously motivated.”*





*"I've given him your message. If you'll just take a seat,
he'll be out in a moment with his hands up."*

MAN WITHOUT A NAMEPLATE



Charles Barsotti

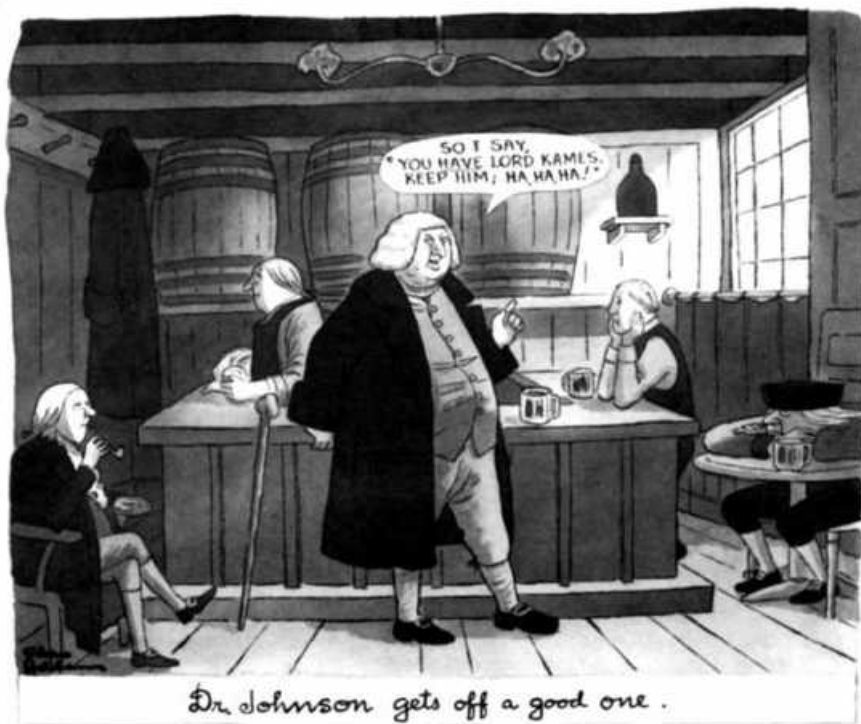


*"I've followed this way and I've followed that way,
and the way to go turns out to be my way."*





“Come on, come on, shape up! Let’s have an antlike procession here!”

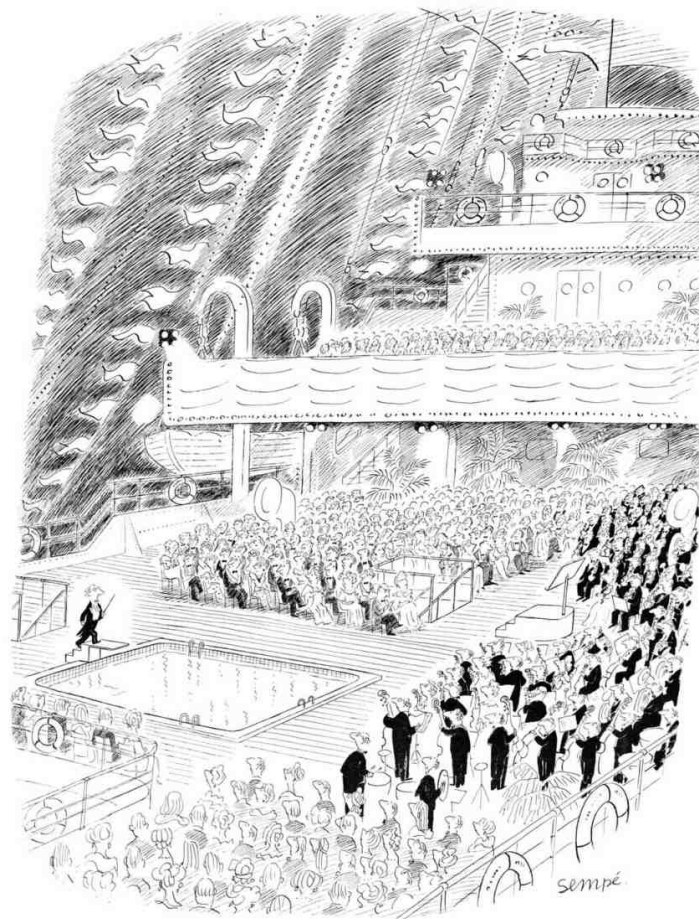




"I'll have the Lew Lehrman lunch."



“Edward, would you kindly get out of that chair, put on your hat and coat, and grab your bags? You’re leaving me.”



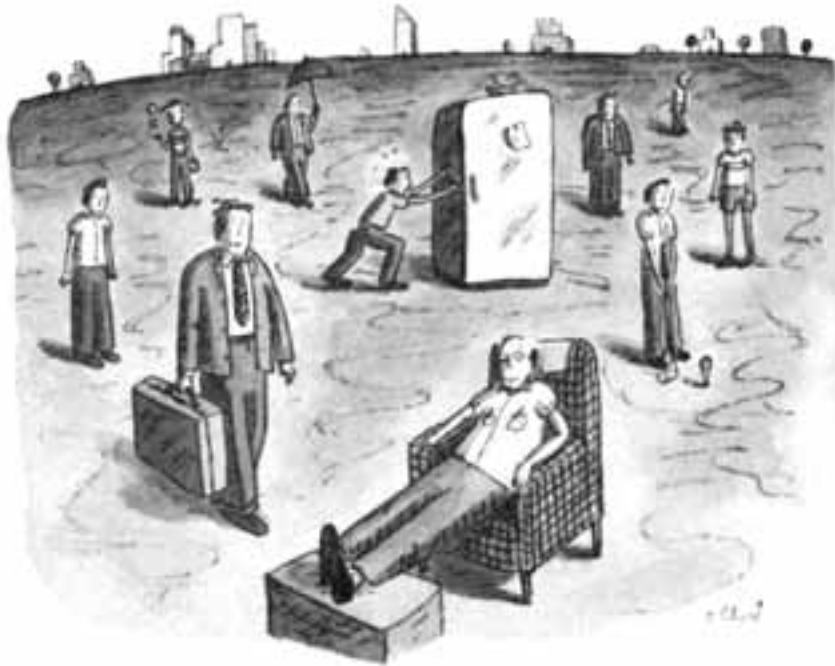


“For heaven’s sake. It’s John Houseman.”



"Guilty, with an explanation, Your Honor."

PLANET OF THE GUYS





"Remember, total honesty between us was your idea. I hate it."





“Three tones will follow. Then there will be some buzzing noises, a woman giggling, and the incomparable Louis Armstrong singing ‘I’ll be glad when you’re dead, you rascal you.’ The woman giggling marks the correct time.”



"It all started over who had the happiest hour."



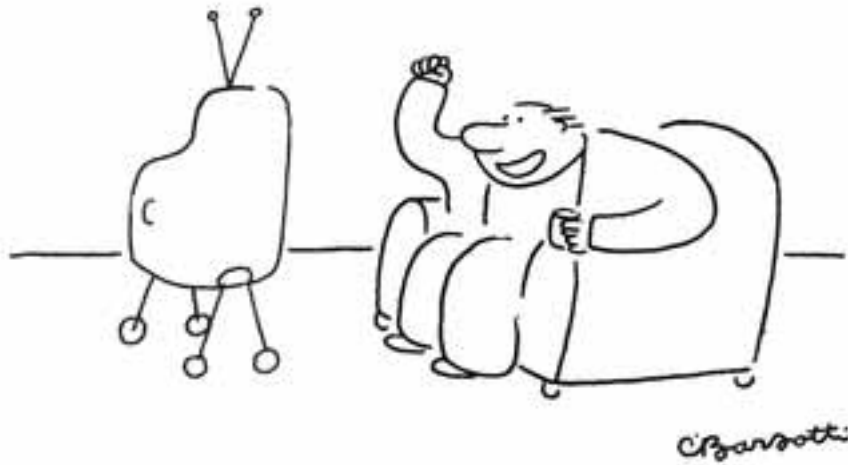
"Fred, meet Ted Keaton. Ted has stopped looking for work."



"All right, come out and we'll talk about it."



"I've been living a lie, Selma. I'm really five feet seven."



*“Go, go, go, Winnipeg or Saskatchewan
or whoever the hell you are!”*



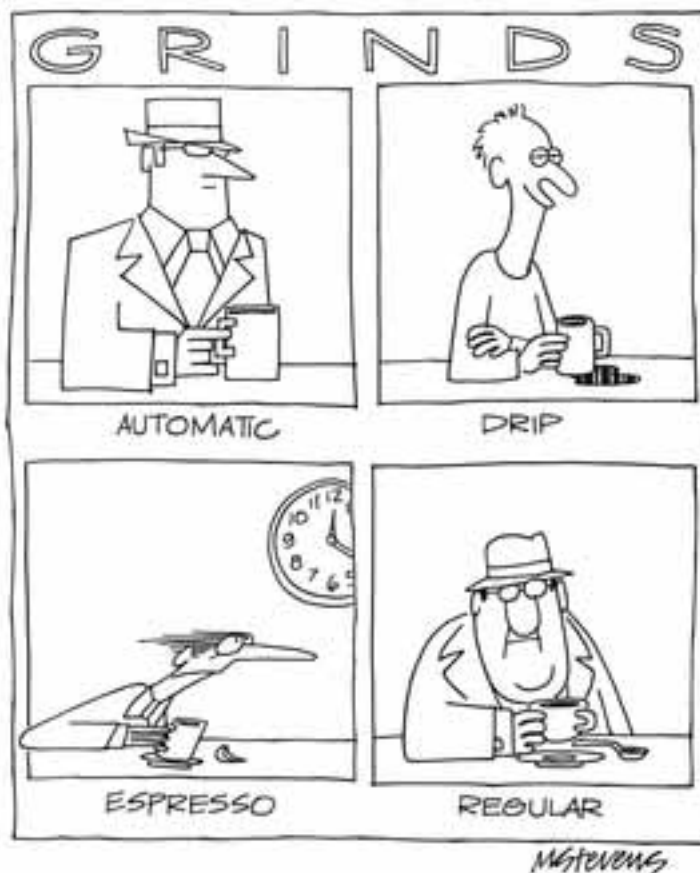
"Hey, isn't that B. Humphrey Wade, president and chairman of Elroy Industrials? Oh, my God! It's a takeover!"



*"... And so it was, and so it was to be what it was to have been,
and had what it was to have had, had it had what it was to be
what it had to have been ..."*









"I don't say much, but what I say is pithy."



"Why didn't you tell me my nose was shiny?"



"She's looking at 'Nightwatch,' while I hold back the dawn."



*“Forgive me, dear, for asking, but were you as ethnic
when we were first married?”*





PHILOSOPHY



“You’re a solid citizen, I’m a concerned citizen. That’s all I’m saying.”



“Say, pal, how the hell do we get off this scenic route?”



Impressionist Receiving Impressions

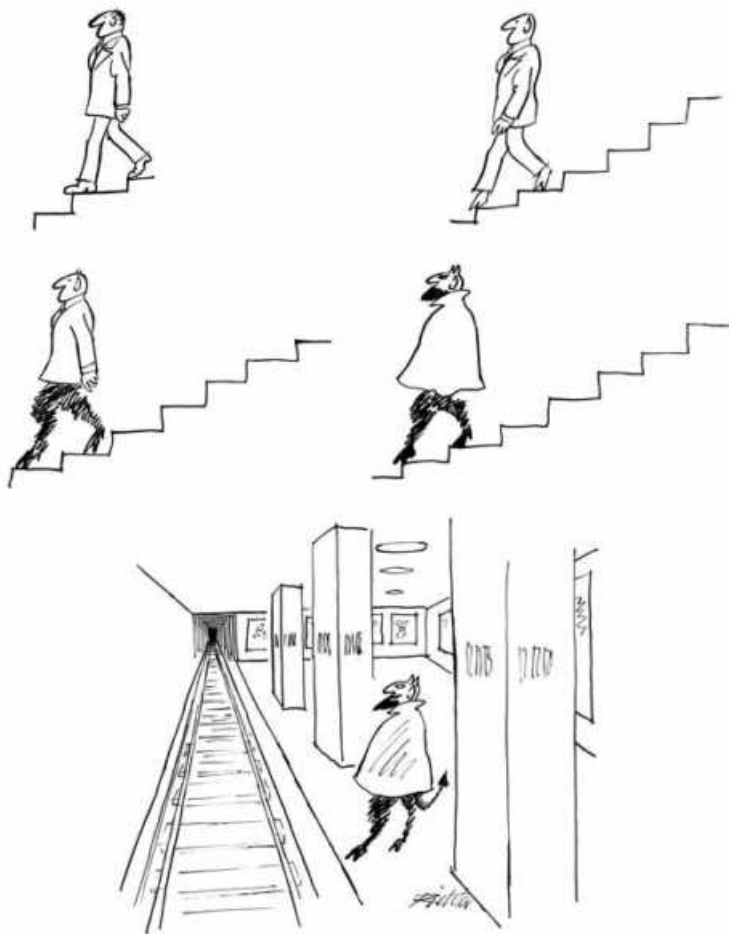


*"As you can see, I am the only candidate
who is facing up to the issues."*



*“He was his usual self when he left this morning, Angie,
but he came home stylized.”*







*"And I didn't drag you to see it. I merely said it
was supposed to be good."*



*"Isabelle Isley wants to join the Ivy Society.
All she has is a Virginia creeper. Ha!"*



"I'm offering you marriage, Helen, and more. Much more."



"It's a closely held company."



"Rodney is one of the five men in my life."





"I think we've met. Didn't you use to belong to Marylou Hanratty?"



"You don't see him complaining, do you?"





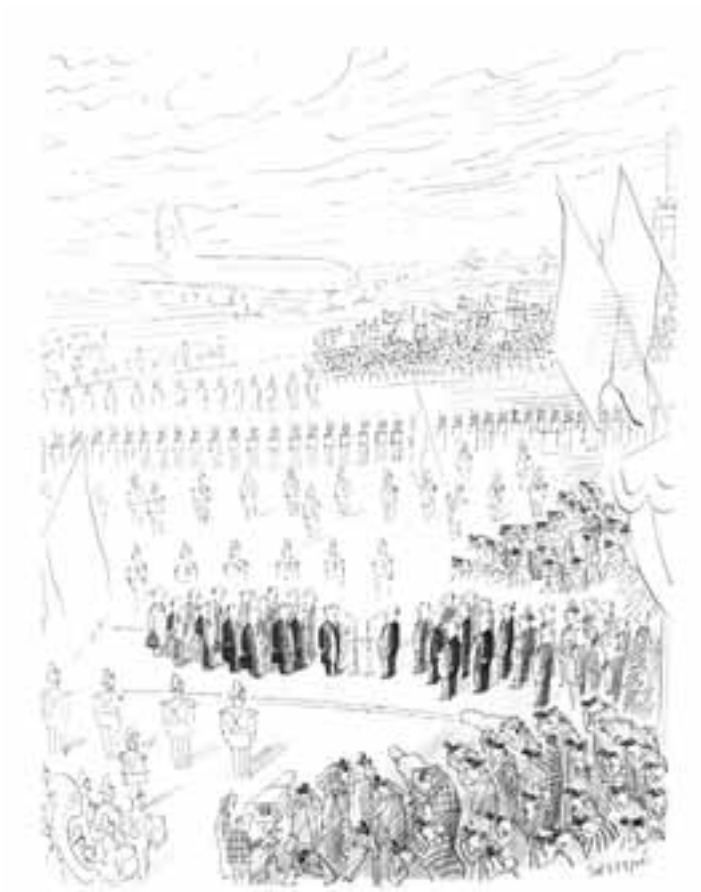




"No, thanks. I'm not a wisher, I'm a doer."







*“It is with great joy and deep emotion that I stand here,
since this occasion marks the culmination of a lifelong
quest—the search for my own identity.”*



"I'm looking for a book of an educational nature."



“Even a small kingdom, Your Highness, can make effective use of modern management techniques.”



*"The 'Times' may call that a mélange of platitudes,
dear friends, but it's what I believe."*



*"I'm happy to say our ratio of doctors and lawyers
to general population remains high."*



“In the right light, I look like the guy who hosts ‘Family Feud’ on TV, but this isn’t the right light.”



AN EXAMPLE FOR US ALL



C. Barsotti



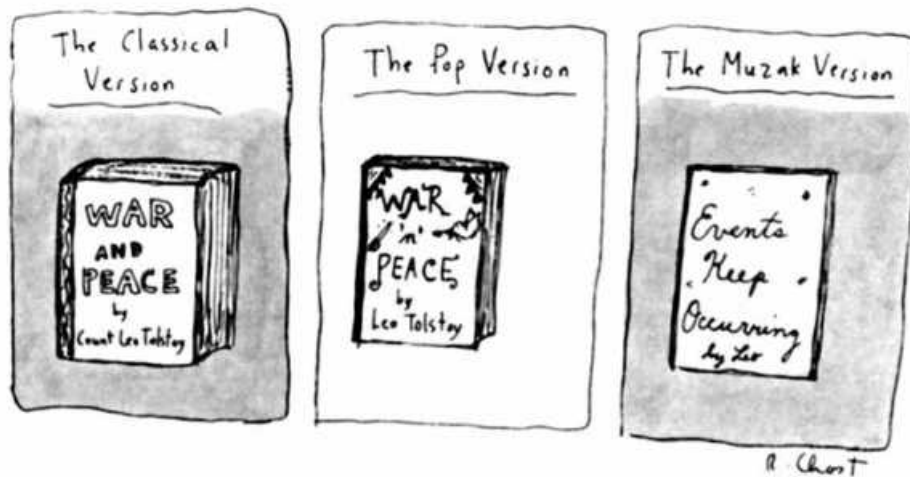
“Don’t stint! Remember, we’re competing with mammoth deficits, skyrocketing unemployment, and a collapsing international banking system.”





"I want to express my deepest appreciation to my loving mother and father, whose encouragement and understanding did so much to shape my character; to my teachers, who opened the doors to knowledge; to my Uncle Clayton, who set me up in business; and to my dear friend Dave Biggs, whose words still ring in my ears: 'Al, why don't you run for something?'"

SUIT YOURSELF





"I'd be only too happy to help you, Madam."





"Oh, good! Home fries."



*"It's simple. You're a man. Therefore, I cannot fully
endorse your life style."*



"The clerk will now read the charges."



"Penny for your thoughts, B.J."



"Your car will be ready, Mrs. Whittington, right after lunch."



“Gosh, Mr. Tischler, I’m afraid you’re a little late. Last week, all the Victorian sexual taboos came back—quite suddenly.”



*The Losing Candidate As He Appeared
on TV with His Family*



*“Yes, your father and I grew up in the fifties—
but not those fifties.”*



“Gee! When you said you’d tear our place apart stone by stone, I thought it was just a figure of speech.”



Denizen



"Ah-ha! You are not happy."



*"I refuse to worry about it, Louise. Whoever it is,
at least he worships her from afar."*





"Aren't you a bit early with the holiday spirit?"





"You go on home without me, Irene. I'm going to join this man's cult."



"I just need a little something to help me 'stay the course.'"



“Big deal! You’re still all bums to me.”

1982

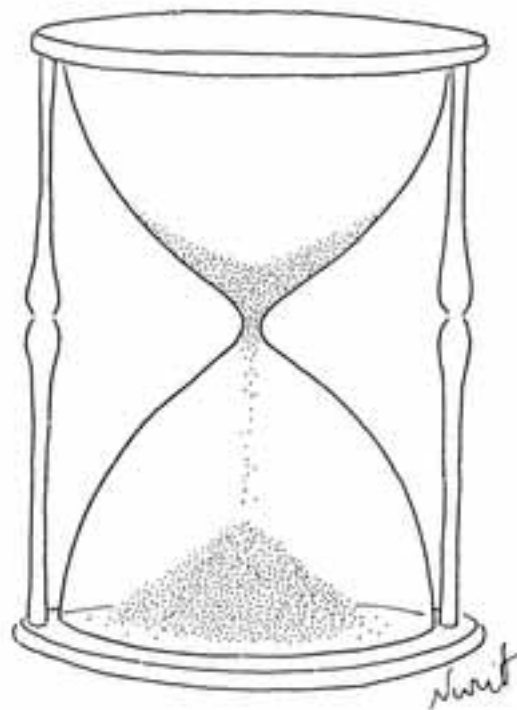


"I'm cold, I'm hungry, and I want love!"





"George and Edgar Shipley are siblings."



A FOUR-DIMENSIONAL OBJECT



"In my book, 1928 was the year! Coolidge was President, prosperity was rampant and I was single!"





"How can you say we have nothing after all these years? I have you, you have me, and we have a nice dog named Spotty."



*“Mr. Joseph W. Bellington. Here’s what the New York
‘Times’ had to say about him.”*



“Get the hell back in here, Kretchner. I’m not through with you yet.”





The Mystery of the Moon



"I don't see my picture around here anywhere."



“Well, Mr. Fensterwold, are we ready to go home?”



“Well, this should appeal to you. It’s an ancient bill of lading.”

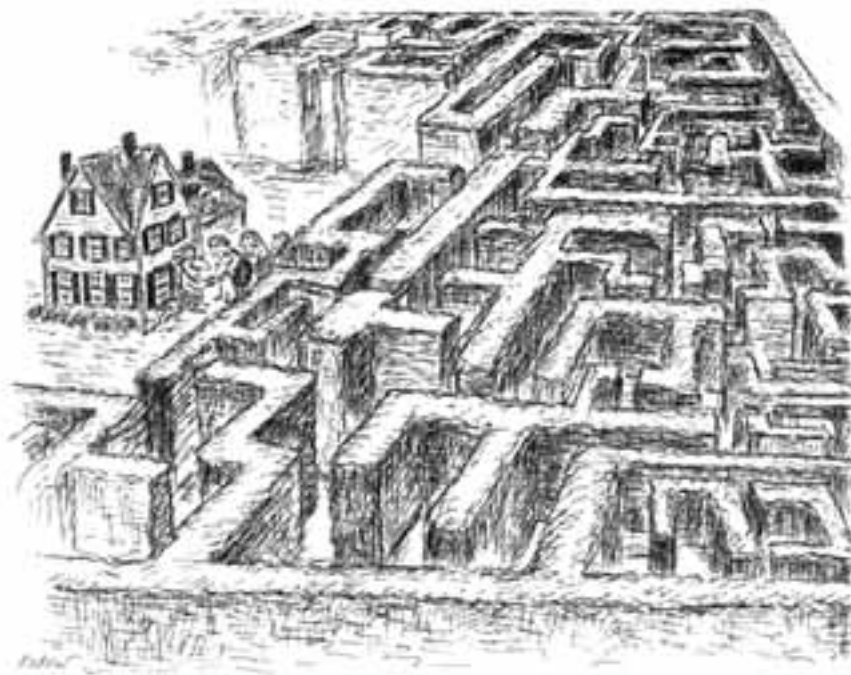




"I don't know what the trouble is. I can't seem to find a spoof or a romp."



“Hey, a whale! I mean thar she blows!”



“Your instructions were perfect.”





*“My kingdom for a horse—or for a girl just like
the girl that married dear old Dad.”*



*“Reagan started out as a Democrat and ended up a Republican.
I started out as a Republican and ended up a bum.”*



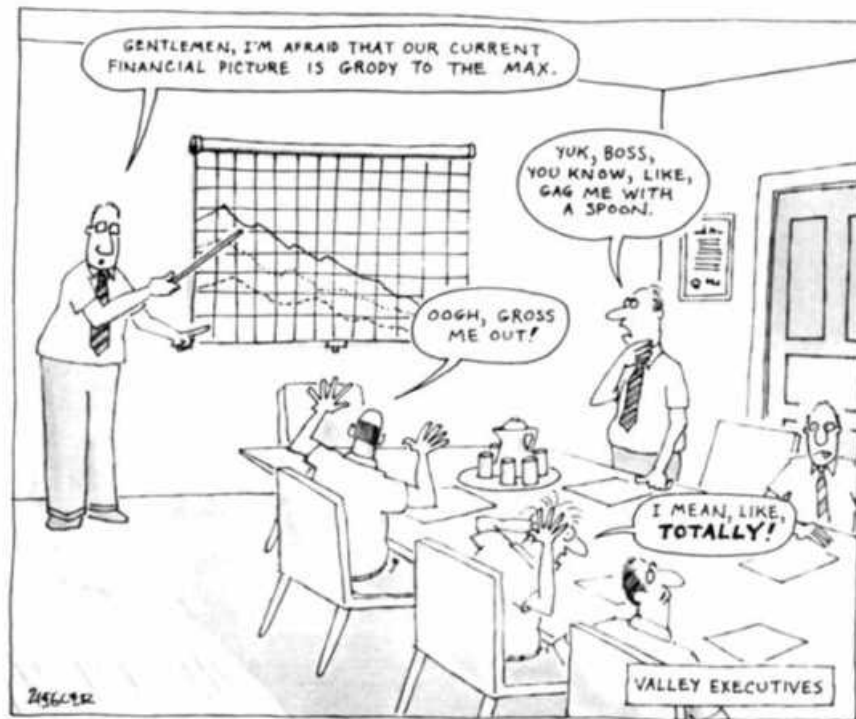




"Stuart Pelletier's gimmick, apparently, is lack of flash."



“For some reason, I never thought old Silicon Chips over there would order brandy-and-soda.”





“We loved Los Angeles. Everybody out there pretends to be so friendly.”



*"Here's a thought. Instead of having your mother
and my mother over for Thanksgiving dinner,
why don't we stick 'em both in a cab and send
'em to Cooky's Steak Pub?"*



“Do you know how far this chap and I go back together? Since college! He was one of the first to notice I just might have a little something on the ball.”

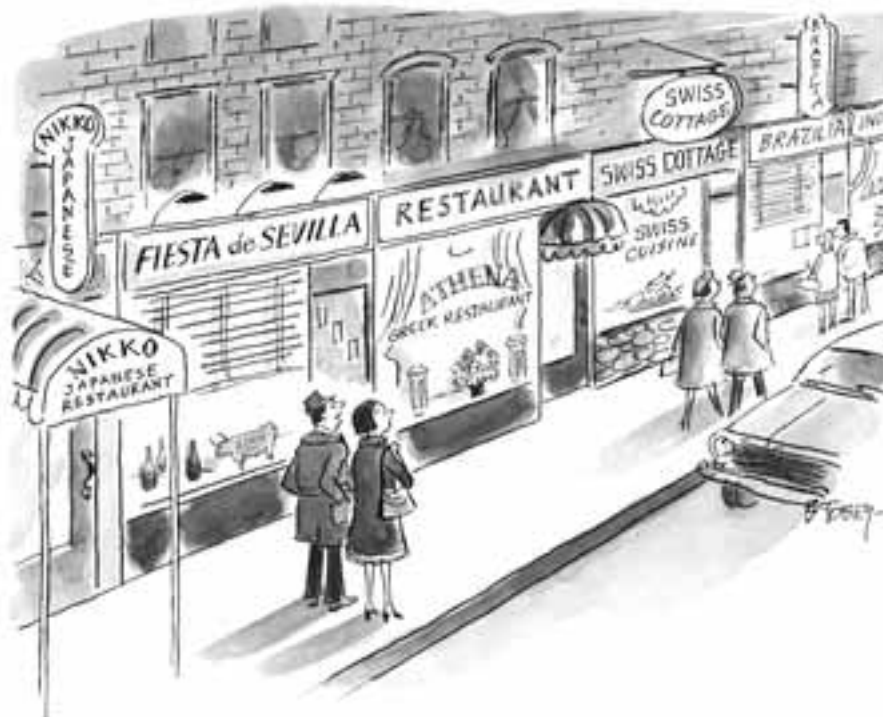




“Relent!”

N.Y., N.Y.





"What I really feel like having is ham and eggs."





“Bradley can’t come to the phone. He’s in his element.”



“Mr. Smith, you’re not alone in being in hock up to your ears. The whole world is in hock up to its ears.”



"I found the old format much more exciting."



*"I said 'I wonder what Gunnar and Alva Myrdal kick
around at breakfast.'"*





*"I've done my part in contributing to the breakdown of law
and order, if I do say so myself."*

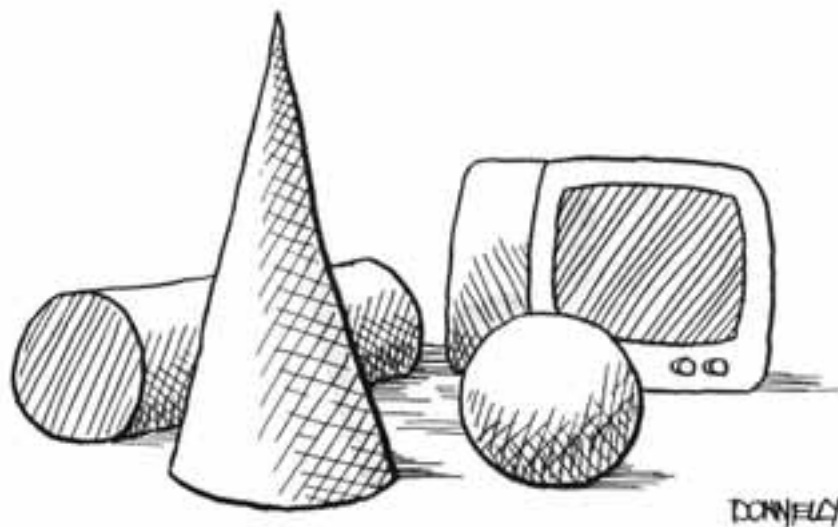
CRUISES TO NOWHERE







*"I'm planning to go into meteorology—but, you know,
the performance end."*





*"I bought us an antique hat rack for when we have guests.
It holds eight hats."*



"A raise is out of the question, Harrison, but if you'd like to take a seat you can stick around for the photo opportunity at three-thirty."

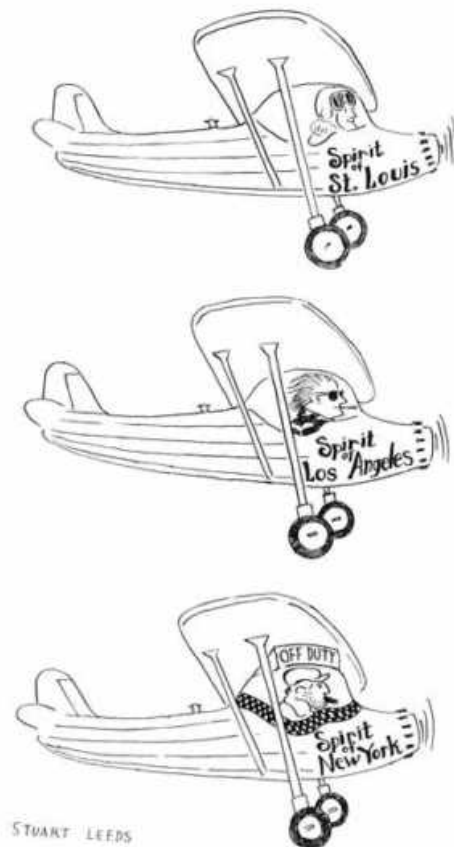




*“Would you say Attila is doing an excellent job, a good job,
a fair job, or a poor job?”*



*“Will you knock it off! We had plenty of time for conversation
when the N.F.L. was on strike.”*



A HAPPY THANKSGIVING







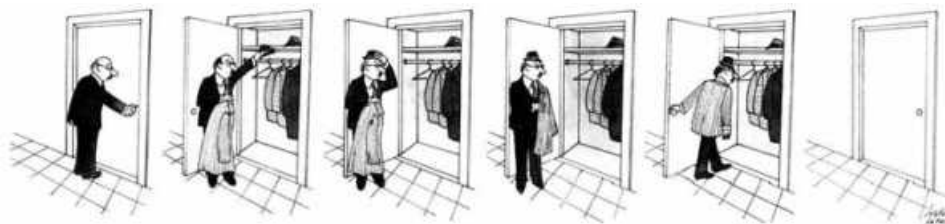
"Many a true word is spoken in jest, but never by Emory."







"You said it was a nice little car, and it isn't a nice little car."





"Gentlemen, I'm afraid I have some rather unfortunate news about our little company."



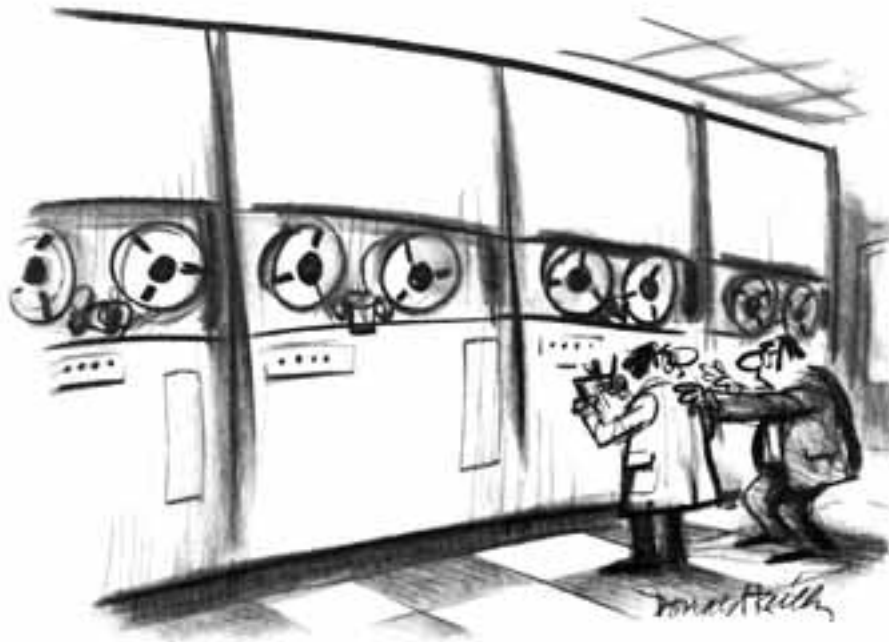
*"I figure the universe was formed with a big bang so
it might as well end with a big bang."*



“Wow! Mother Nature’s playing hardball today!”



"I like the way this week is starting out. The Dow was up thirty-seven yesterday and down twenty-six today."



"Just ask it. How many burgers can the Free World eat?"

THE MAN WHO DARED TO LEAVE HIS JOB
RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY
JUST TO GO HOME AND TAKE A HOT BATH!!!!





“Hey! Weren’t you mentioned in the Old Testament?”



*"If that's Studs Terkel, there are seven or eight things
I'd like to get off my chest."*





"Hi, I'm your host. Help yourself to a drink."



*“It looks as if Fuller, McConochie & Vogel has opted
for the dense-pack defense.”*



"I got a lot accomplished today, Carl. How about you?"



"Everybody who's pretty well talked out raise his or her hand."



Unexpected Visitors





*“With a new guy in the Kremlin, it could be a new ballgame
one way or another, that’s what I think.”*



"I've been a great admirer of your work for years. It's a real pleasure to meet you."

"I'm happy to meet you. I'm your biggest fan."



"These are Bean's bird-shooting pants, but I never shoot birds, I assure you."



"He's small, but recognizable."



"Sire, we have peace."



*"These are John and Nora Wilmot. They're just learning
to have fun again."*



“O little town of Bethlehem . . .”



“What’s the word I want for that disposition of yours?”





"Not my favorite again!"









"I read 'Art News.'"



"If Roscoe were a horse, he'd be a Lipizzaner."



Charles Barsotti

"Well, figuratively speaking, I've jumped a few turnstiles in my day."





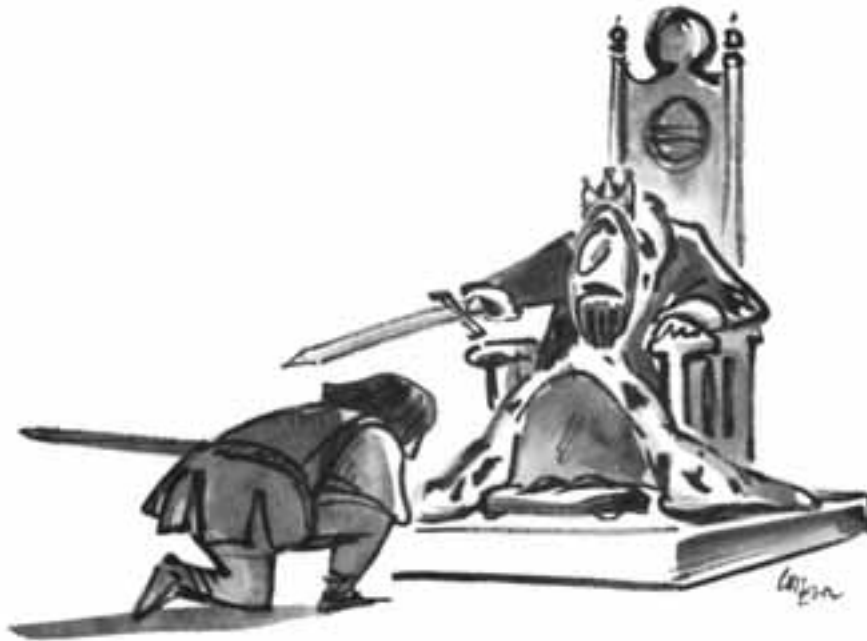
"This afternoon, lightning struck twice in the very same place. Wait—here's an update on that story. Well, it seems that after all it did not."



*"Could be worse. Could be worse. Ho-ho-ho, Merry Christmas!
Ho-ho-ho!"*



“Underneath all that he’s really a pussycat.”



*“My son, you have survived the ordeal by fire and the ordeal by water.
You now face the final challenge—ordeal by media.”*





*"This year we went to Hawaii for two weeks,
and Evelyn decided to stay."*



Mother's Eternal Presence



"Hello, dear, or is it goodbye?"



"This is Grace Fairlawn, and these are her gift catalogues."



“Hi, Mr. Tepper. This is the I.R.S. Say, back in April, when you paid your tax, we had no idea of the sort of bills Uncle Sam would be running up, and—well, the long and the short of it is that we have to soak you again.”



"Apparently, the formalities were dispensed with."





"There's an element of truth in everything that George Plummer says."



"We never do anything bilaterally anymore."



"I'm letting you handle the other half of the truth."



*"I'm just trying to figure out when I'm going
to do what for Christmas."*







"Bring me my pipe, my bowl, my fiddlers three, and my pollster."



*“Not wanting to go to a sing-along of Handel’s ‘Messiah’ is
not the same as never wanting to go anywhere at all.”*





“That makes four ‘Yes’es and one ‘No, no, a thousand times no.’”



*“Oh-oh! Caught in the act. Now you know who’s been
scrunching up your mail.”*



"He's very provoked, Ethel. He found it neccessary to break into a litle trot this morning to catch his train."



“Not only is our product more nutritious and economical than Zesto. Let me tell you what they’re saying about Zesto’s chairman of the board.”



The Napper Wakes



*"I want something to get even for that new translation
of Proust he gave me last year."*



*“One and one is two, right? That’s what life
is about. One and one is two.”*





"I suggest you take your proposition to Mr. Hodkiss at the office. He may send you to Sam Watson or Bob Exum. Eventually, of course, you will have to talk to me."



"Both of you, say Merry Christmas to Leonard!"







"This memo, Miss Perkins, will be in the key of C."



“You’ll find there’s no right or wrong here. Just what works for you.”



"Dear, the pockets on the sides of the chairs are for knitting and sewing supplies and nice periodicals, not walking-around money and bottles of booze."





"It's after ten. I'm afraid Aubrey's mind is officially closed."



"It's a simple stone mill, for grinding one's own grain."



"Cartright has been against gun control for years."



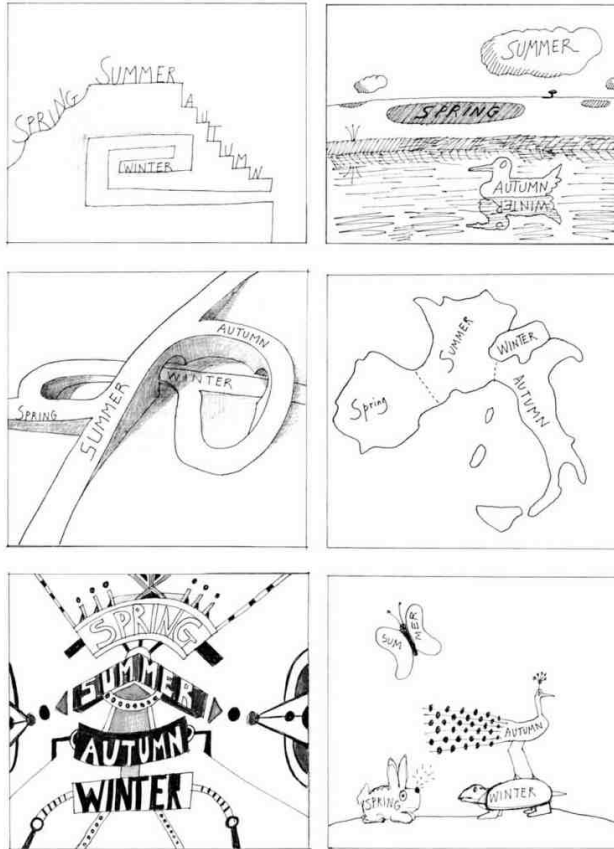
"It's my own story. A no-holds-barred account of a boyishly charming anchorperson. I only wrote it because it had to be told."



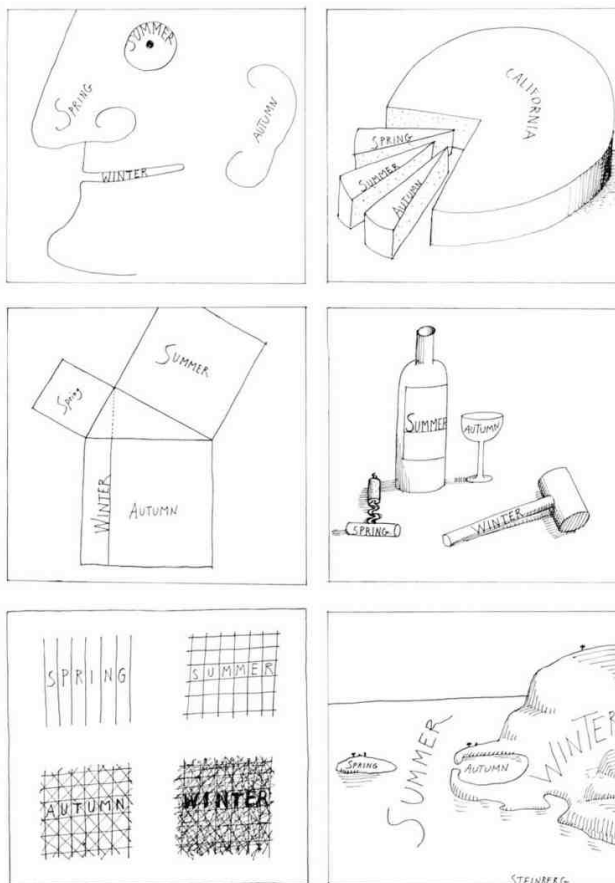
"I'd like you to meet Stan Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler is one of the Administration's leading optimists."



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12 VARIATIONS (2 OF 2)





"Gold!"



*“Damn it, Roberto! Being certified O.K. on human rights
does not mean we’re sissies!”*





“He says he’s the God of Restructured Debt, whatever that is.”



“They’re trying to get back to a one-to-one relationship.”



“Joyeux Noël.”





*“One wonders what they’re serving tonight at Oustaù
de Baumanière in Les Baux.”*





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"Cathy and I are going to mellow you out."